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## position wins no-confidence vote, 49-44

### By LIAT COLLINS

The government received a slap in the face from the opposition yesterday when a motion of oo-confidence in the prime minister carried by a vote of 49-44, with one abstention. Despite its seeming victory, however, the apposition could not muster the 61 votes

needed to bring down the government.
The motion was filed by Labor, Meretz and Hadash over growing unemployment.

It was the second time this govern- was pressuring him to take part in the meot has failed to muster enough votes to defeat a motion of no-confidenee.

The vote was marked by the absence of the National Religious Party MKs, who decided to enntinue their boycnn over a dispute concerning the appointment of religious court judges.

Shmaryahu Ben-Tzur, deputy eoali-tion chairman, was the only NRP MK who voted, supporting the government. He said the Prime Minister's Office

Likud MKs David Re'em, Binyamin Ze'ev Begin and Dan Meridnr were

noticeably absent.
Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi arrived too late to vote, but supported the government in a later no-confidence motion by Moledet Moledet's motion over the violence in Hebron failed by 44 to 49, with nine absten-

Earlier yesterday, Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu rejected the NRP's attempts to pressure him, saying: "We must aet responsibly. This method of threatening to topple the government for every demand, even the most justified demand, it not acceptable. I cannot accept it. Anyone who wants to threaten to briog the govern-ment dnwn, can go ahead and threat-

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said after the vote: "This is a government without a head and a head without a govern-

ment, and if it wasn't the government of the State of Israel, we'd be bursting with laughter."

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, who liaises between the government and the Knesset, noted that the coalition still has a large majority, but if the opposition wants to savor the moment, so be it."

Nissan Slomiansky (NRP) said the vote proved there is no coalition without his party.

Labor whip Ra'anan Coben called on

the prime minister to resign and declare early elections.

The government's loss [last oight] proves that Netanyahu's coalition is disintegrating, and does not have faith in the prime minister or even in the existence of the government," Cohen said. "It is oo coincidence that the Knesset vnted no-confidence in the failed social policies of the Likud, which wastes money on the settlements while there is growing unemploy-

## Barak holds 'emergency meeting' with King Hussein

### By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak flew to Amman yesterday for what was described as "an emergency meeting" with Jordan's King Hussein.

Hussein, who bad met Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat on Sunday, tele-

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phoned Barak that night and said he wanted to discuss Middle East issues with him before meeting with Egyptian President Hosni to meet Arafat in Gaza on Thursday.

Hussein, who has made oo secret of ignoring Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu lately, dispatched the royal helicopter to bring Barak to bis palace. Barak flew by himself, with eveo his closest aides remaining at home.

"Perhaps the urgency of the visit is a reflection of the depth of King Hussein's concern. which is similar to the concern expressed by Mubarak at our meeting last week," Barak said on his return.

He said Hussein is deeply worried about the danger of armed conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, as well as by the lack of confidence among the Arab states which have signed peace agreements with Israel.

Barak briefed his faction colleagues on his talk with Hussein, which in Jordan was described as "shrouded in secrecy."

"Hussein fears that a halt in the peace process will affect the internal affairs of Arab states which have signed peace treaties with Israel, such as Jordan and Egypt," Barak said.

Barak dismissed the possibility of eritieism from Netanyahu over his meetings with world and Arab leaders. Last week Barak met Britaio's Prime Minister Tooy Blair.

"I don't need anyone's permission to continue contacting world leaders, whether as opposition leader or as one who bas met them before. I update Netanyahu's office and the foreign minister's office as to my meetings, and will see to it that be is briefed personally if neces-

sary," Barak said.
The Likud sharply eriticized Barak in a statement yesterday, saying that he is "encouraging the Arab world to obtain further compromises from Israel."



Not behind his back

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon (left) chats with Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled yesterday, as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu walks by. Story, Page 16. (Brian Hendler)

## evy to meet Arafat in Brussels travelling all the way to Belgium,"

## By JAY BUSHINSKY

Foreign Minister David Levy said last night he would meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Brussels today. "We have things to talk about, he told Channel 2. Arafat decided yesterday to attend

the European Union foreign ministers' meeting in Brussels as an invited guest along with Levy. Arafat's trip was billed by Palestinian Radio

confer with the foreign minister. The Levy-Arafat meeting is a direct outcome of EU peace envoy Miguel Moratinos's intensive diplomatic efforts bere, during which he conferred with senior Israeli and Palestinian officials and urged them to resume the negotia-

### and TV as a gesture to the peace but there isn't some sort of expections aborted four months ago. process rather than an opportunity to tation for the sake of which I'm

## By BATSHEVA TSUR

Four children whose Jewish mother embraced Islam, married a Moslem and then went back to Judaism, have been returned to their father's care to be raised as



The High Court of Justice yesterday overturned a Beersheba rabbinical court ruling that the mother, who is now divorced, could raise the children as Jews. According to Jewish law, chil-

dren are Jewish if their mother is Jewish. Under Moslem religious law, a Moslem father is entitled to automatic custody of his children. Justices Aharon Barak, Eliahu Matza and Michael Heshin said

the authority to make a decision on the matter, since the father had oot agreed that the case be decided

before a Jewish religious court. The couple had been married in 1980 in a Moslem ceremony after the woman converted to Islam together with her mother. The couple settled in eastern Jerusalem and raised their children according to Moslem tradition.

But two years ago, the marriage the rabbinical court did not have to return to her Jewisb roots. She and returned to their father's custody.

Court awards Jewish children to Moslem father took the children with her.

The father, meanwhile, appealed to a Moslem religious court in Jerusalem, asking that his children be returned to him. At the same time, the mother asked the rabbinical court to rule that her children are Jewish and should be raised as such. The rabbinical court ruled in her favor. The father then turned to the High Court of Justice, which ruled yesterday that the children broke up and the woman decided should be brought up as Moslems

## Naveh to US on peace mission

## By JAY BUSHINSKY and HILLEL KUTTLER

In a new and possibly urgent effort to rescue the peace process from collapse under the weight of mutual recriminations and lack of trust, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is sending cabinet secretary Dan Naveh to Washington with new "bridging proposals" for presentation to US peace envoy Dennis Ross.

The prime minister told mem-bers of his Likud-Gesher-Tsomet Knesset faction that these ideas could close the gap between the Israeli and Palestinian negotiating

positions. Naveh has been serving as the Israeli negotiating team's coordinator, subject to guidelines handed down by Foreign Minister David

Levy and approved by Netanyahu. The Naveh mission coincides with indications the US is developing a new formula designed to bring the two sides back to the bargaining table after a fourmonth ioterruption.

This was confirmed in Washington by Saeb Erekat, the Palestinian Authority's minister for local affairs and former chief PA negotiator with Israel. He was quoted by the Associated Press as saying the US is preparing a new proposal to get the talks started

The US proposal reportedly would entail a temporary halt in construction of the Har Hnma bousing project on Jerusalem's southeastern outskirts, at mutual commitment to prevent street violence, a resumption of security cooperation, and acceleration of bilateral negotiations.

Netanyahu's director of communications, David Bar-Illan, has declared repeatedly that suspension of Har Homa construction is "not part of the Oslo Accords equation." He also rejected the idea of a work slowdown at the site.

"It's like being a little pregnant," be said, implying that since construction is under way it must pro-

Sources here believe the gist of the new American idea is that negotiators could skip the volatile "further redeployment" issue - the next West Bank troop withdrawal due to take place by October - and



Dan Naveb, bound for DC

move directly to the final-status phase. This presumably would be a gesture in Israel's favor.

As quid pro quo, the Israeli side would stop all settlement construction, including the Har Homa project, as a gesture to the Palestinians. To that extent the US proposal is similar to the EU formula being promoted by its peace

envoy, Miguel Moratinos. The prime minister said bis basic idea, a speed-up of final-status negotiations, "is a good foun-

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dation for moving the peace talks forward. The deliberations which have begun in the cabinet about the principles inherent in a permanent arrangement can 'serve as a basis for advancing the peace process between the Palestinians and us"

However, Netanyahu said the forward movement can begin only when Israel sees a basic change in the PA's attitude toward security and after measures are taken against the Palestinian policemen who are suspected of terrorist

activity against Israel. I want to see systematic action and an uprooting of these eternents as well as action against the senior officers who are involved in this issue," he said

Referring to the Palestinian Police's discovery of an arms cache and bomb factory in Beit Sahur near Bethlehem, the prime minister said he would like to see such operations on a continuous basis and not only as a result of local pressure following the arrest of the PA police suspects.

This action against the Islamic extremist Hamas organization, which reportedly stored the weapons and ammunition, "should be performed regularly or daily," Netanyahu went on, "in which case we would be impressed much

Washington, Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the administration was "very pleased" by Erekat's visit last week and looks forward to

meeting Naveh today.

Naveh will be in Washington for iust a few hours for his meeting with Ross, before flying back to

Israel tonight. Burns said the US has "never beeo shy about sharing ideas" with the parties and is trying to serve as an "effective mediator" between them.

A senior US official said the Palestinian Authority must take action against its security officials who are implicated in terrorist plans aimed at Israeli civilians if peace talks are to resume in a proper atmosphere.

We've made it explicitly clear to the Palestinians, publicly and privately, that the highest priority has to be shutting down terrorism and violence," the official said, "It is just essential that everything has to be done to shut down this thing."

Burns said that in the administration, "on tears are being shed" over PA justice minister Freih Abu Medein's resignation yesterday, and reiterated that the US had a "major disagreement" with him for encouraging the death penalty against Palestinian land dealers.

"I think Israelis have a legitimate right to know that the PA is not going to encourage political assassination against people who sell land to Israelis. We are pleased that Chairman Arafat came out very strongly [against it] and we assume that will now be the abiding position of the PA, and with the departure of the justice minister perhaps the prospect is more sure now." Burns said.

## Treasury requests NIS 90m. transfer to territories

## By DAVID HARRIS

The Treasury yesterday asked the Knesset Finance Committee to allow the transfer of NIS 90 million from the Immigration and Absorption Ministry to housing programs in Judea and Samaria, according to Israel Radio.

The suggestion that this money would come at the expense of the ministry's budget was strongly denied by the leader of the coalition group on the committee, Michael Kleiner (Gesher).

The proposal is likely to face stiff opposition in the Knesset. The leader of the opposition faction on the committee, Avraham Shohat (Labor), is demanding to know the exact locations of the construction work of a reported 400 homes.

"This is a national scandal because the money is being taken from housing for immigrants, by throwing Ethiopians out of their caravans, and with young Israeli couples striking because they have nowhere to live and are awaiting a solution," Shohat told journalists. "This government shows no

peace process." Shohat is reportedly trying to form a wide-based group that will fight the plan. Among his aims is bringing members of Yisrael

Ba'aliya on board.

responsibility towards the coun-

try's citizens, nor towards the

"This money is only being used for mortgages for collective bod-

ies," Kleiner said. With an estimated NIS 1 billion

surplus in the mnrtgage pot, Kleiner maintains this will have no effect on the ministry's bud-

Those who are throwing these accusations should look back to what happened just before the end of the teoure of the last government," said Kleiner, who claimed Labor was responsible for giving the kibbutz movements an NIS 13b, "present," rather than giving the money to the poor or to devel-

opment towns. No one was available for comment at the Treasury last night

## Palestinians arrest senior police officer

Palestinian security officials yesterday arrested Deputy Commander Jihad Masouni, head of a criminal detective onit in Nablus, who is accused by Israelis of ordering that shots be fired at a West Bank rabhi's car. Governor Mahmoud Aloul said two other officers are also under arrest, but he doubts the existence of a ring to the Palestinian Police dedicated to wrecking the peace process. "I think the Israeli authorities are exaggerating their claim and this story," he said.

Israel arrested three Palestinian Police officers last week, saying they were on their way to attack a settlement near Nablus, and a fourth officer later on suspicion of planning attacks near

### Four PA infiltrators caught

The IDF Spokesman said last night that Israeli troops captured four Palestinian infiltraters on Sunday night. The spokesman added that the Palestinians were attempting to enter Israel from the Gaza Strip when troops on a routine patrol apprehended them. The Palestinians are being questioned by the security services. Margot Dudkevitch

### Bill would evade intifada reparations

The Knesset is to debate a hill next week, presented by Jostice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, which would define the intifada as a viotent, organized struggle against Israeli citizens and military, thus limiting the culpability of Israel's armed forces, the Justice Ministry said yesterday. According to a 1952 law, the state is not responsible for damages caused by belligerent activities of the IDF.

Since the outbreak of the intifada, more than 4,000 claims, amounting to hundreds of millions of shekels, have been lodged against the state. The proposed law would permit payment of compensation on humanitarian grounds.

### Ne'eman promises not to cut IDF salaries

Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman met with top IDF commanders and defense officials yesterday to discuss a NIS 205 million budget cut, but promised not to touch the salaries of the IDF's career personnel. The defense establishment countered with a demand that its NIS 32 hillion shekel hudget be boosted by NIS 1.5 hillion next year. The defense ministry received an additional NIS 300 million allocation in January to prepare for the threat of

Both sides agreed that further hudget discussions would be held at the director-general level and "would be to the point and in Arieh O'Sullivan

### Arafat sends envoy to Saddam Hussein

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat evidently is keeping his lines open to Iraq and especially to its President Saddam Hussein. His latest known overture to the Baghdad regime was made by PA Housing Minister Azem Ahmad, who delivered a personal letter from Arafat to Hussein.

In meetings in Baghdad with the Iraqi foreign minister and vice president, Ahmad promoted the PA's idea of an Arab summit conference to discuss the stalemate in Palestinian-Israeli negotiations and dissatisfaction with the US's role in the peace process. Jay Bushinsky.

### Bridge contractors present report clearing them

Building contractors Baruch Karagula and Yehoshua Ben-Ezra who constructed the hridge which collapsed at the Maccabiah'sopening ceremony last Monday, yesterday presented the commission investigating the fatal accident with a report absolving them of blame. The report, prepared by the Bloch-Mendelson engineering firm, placed the blame squarely on engineer Micha Bar-Ilan. Meanwhile, Australian Maccabiab delegation head Louis Platus denied that he had cast blame on anyone for the accident, saying that he is waiting for the investigators to present its finding

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The family in Israel and abroad

## Palestinian sources: Jabali, Arafat behind planned Har Bracha assault

### By JAY BUSHINSKY

Palestinian sources contended yesterday that Brig.-Gen. Ghazi Jabali, commander of the Palestioian Authority's police force, recently urged his subordinates in Ramallah and Gaza to escalate the level of violence against Israeli civilians and soldiers by using firearms against them.

The sources quoted Jabali as having said his instructions originated from PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Jabali has been implicated in last week's arrest by Israeli troops of three Palestinian police officers on suspicion of being on a terrorist mission against Israeli settlers at

Har Bracha northeast of Nablus.

At a weekend meeting between the PA's top security figures. Jibril Rajouh and Mahmoud Dahlan, and Central Intelligence Agency personnel, American officials urged that Arafat dismiss Jabali immediately, the

They said there was anger and resentment among rank and file Palestinians over the arrest of Nablus-based Col. Jihad Massimi. Implying that Massimi was being used as a scapegoat, Palestinian critics of PA policy said he served under Jabali and took orders

For similar reasons, they also objected to the arrest of Col. Munir Abushi, deputy police commander for the Tulkarm district.

Arafat personally called for "limited action" against Israelis at a meeting with police officers in Nahlus, the sources said.

The sources also cited dissension in the PA's legal community because of Arafat's alleged appointment of unqualified candidates for judicial posts. Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein was particularly upset, they said, because of Arafat's reported failure to consult with him prior to selecting the 10 new judges.

This coincided with mild criticism of Arafat's choice of Gaza attorney Faiz Abu-Rahmeh, a veteran jurist whose career dates back to his defense of local Palestinians tried for terrorist activities during the Israeli military administration, as attorney-general. He replaces Khalid al-Qidrah, who resigned following corruption charges in the PA.

The corruption issue was tackled by a special committee appointed by Arafat which submitted a 127-page report to him yesterday. Headed by Tayeb Abdel-Rahim, the PA's director-general of presidential affairs, the committee concluded that stringeot reforms must be enacted and that some officials must be be put on trial, Reuters said.

The inquiry was ordered by Arafat last month following an auditor's disclosure that PA administrative personnel had squandered \$326 million in public funds in 1996.

## Arrested PA policemen were to discuss cooperation with Israel

### By ARREN O'SULLIVAN

Two of the Palestinian Police officers suspected of planning attacks against Israelis had been scheduled to visit Israeli police in Judea and Samaria last week to discuss cooperation between the two forces.

The Israel Police had planned to invite a total of 14 senior Palestinian Police officers to their headquarters in Abu Dis near

Jerusalem, mainly for a get-acquainted meeting, but also to set some common goals, said Judea and Samaria police spokesman Opher Sivan.

The meeting was to have taken place last week, but was canceled way to carry out an attack on the settlement of Har Bracha, Sivan said. Army radio said two of the 14

Massimi, a senior Nablus police officer, and Col. Munir Abushi.

Ahushi served in the Tulkarm police, and was arrested by General Security Service agents last week place last week, but was canceled on suspicion of ordering attacks.

due to the arrest of the three Palestinian policemen on their detained by the Palestinian Police

for questioning.
Army Radio said Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz and other senior police commanders had agreed to pay a reciprocal visit at the invitation of Brig-Gen. Ghazi Jabali, commander of the West Bank and Gaza police force, who Israel is now accusing of masterminding attacks against Israel.

Sivan said that despite recent events, police from both sides are still in daily contact, and efforts are under way to set up a future meet-

## **Bethlehem** bomb factory 'biggest yet

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Kamal Sheikh said yesterday that a bomb factory discovered in the village of Beit Saltur near Bethlehem on Sunday is the largest of its kind yet found.

At a hastily convened press conference, Sheikh told reporters: "We found over 30 kilos of TNT, hydrogen, chemical substances, timers and watches," adding that "only experts can prepare such explosives."

In addition, he said, some of the bombs had been packed inside plastic boxes, and were already attached: to timers and detonators.

uniforms, wigs, beards, makeup and other disguises, as well as cellular

the General Security Service informed the Palestinians about the bomb factory's existence a week ago. According to Sheikh, the twostorey house in Bet Sahur was being used by the Hamas movement. We have prevented explosions.

with the Israelis."

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, while commending the

watched the building for three days prior to the dawn raid. He added that there was a link between the factory and Hamas activist Issa Shouka; who died last week in Bethlehem.

when a bomb exploded prematurely.
"We found the same substances and electrical devices used in the bomh that killed Shouka," said Sheikh, adding that the owner of the house is being questioned, but has not been arrested. "We asked him who was renting the house, " said Sheikh. Sheikh denied reports that several suspects had been anested. saying that apart from the home owner, no one has been detained.

Reports in the media yesterday claimed the owner of the home -Mohammed Assaf, allegedly a Hamas activist and a member of Shouka's cell - had been arrested before the raid, and revealed the factory's whereabouts during his interrogation. Other reports claimed he was arrested after the raid, and yet claimed that three Palestinians were arrested with him.

Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner), in striped shirt, surrounded by security men in court yesterday.

(Pavel Volberg, Israel Sun)

## Lerner remanded again, may post bail and move to house arrest

By RAINE MARCUS

Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner), the alleged Russian mafia kingpin suspected of the murder of a Russian banker, money laundering, an \$85 million fraud scam and other financial offenses, appeared in Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court court for a further remand hearing yesterday. Judge Yeshiyahu Shoneller ruled that Lerner - already in custody for over two months - would stay in custody for a further seven days after the National Crime Squad said there had been a turning poiot in the investigation. After the seven-day remand, Judge Schneller ordered Lerner placed under house arrest - after first depositing large sums of money.

Police are still trying to reach an agreement with a witness who is expected to testify

against Lerner. Therefore Schneller, who has already warned police that unless they preseot an iodictment Lerner would be released agreed to keep the latter in custody for a further week in order to give police the time oeeded. After that, ruled Schneller, Lerner will be placed under house arrest. Bail will be set at NIS 2 million cash together with third-party collateral amounting to NIS 5 million. Jodge Schneller said he was certain that Lerner would have oo problem

raising the sums required.

Police opposed the decision to put Lerner under house arrest in another seven days, and said that in the light of new developments they may appeal the judge's decision and consolidate a partial indictment, thus enabling detectives to request a remand until the end of legal proceedings. Police are

afraid that, if freed, Lerner will flee the country, or interfere with witnesses and others involved in the affair.

Another bone of contention yesterday was the location of Lerner's house arrest. Lerner wishes to be placed under arrest at his Ashkelon villa, together with his family. But Judge Schneller said he believed the detention should be at a hotel in the center of the country - at Lemer's expense. In any case, conditions of the house arrest include the confiscation of Lemer's passports and the disconnecting of his phones. He will only be allowed to contact his wife, father, daughter and lawyers.

Judge Schneller will decide this morning

where Lerner will be kept, and police are weighing up their appeal, in an attempt to keep the alleged mafia boss in custody.

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discovery, said that "after the grave activities committed by Palestinian Police - perhaps the most serious violation to date of the Oslo. Agreement - such operations against Hamas should be constant. This will impress us far more."

## Beit Jann residents prepare to defy NRA workers

By DAVID RUDGE

Residents of Beit Jann manned the barricades yesterday to prevent any representatives of the Nature Reserves Authority from entering the Druse village on the slopes of Mt. Meron.

The move was described by inhabitants of the Druse village as a pre-cautionary measure designed to avert a flare-up of violence and to protect the NRA officials themselves.

Simultaneously, police increased their presence in the region, as well as that of NRA wardens and firemen, in case of any disturbances.

The moves followed the Supreme Court ruling on Sunday to close an illegally constructed road leading from Beit Jann to the nearby Druse village of Hurfeish.

The decision resulted in riots out-

side the court building on Sunday

The Jewish Community of Wilkes-Barre, PA

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The coffin will arrive today, July 22, 1997

with flight #008, due at 17:20, for burial

directly at Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem.

mourns the passing of

the ruling. "Feelings are running very high in the wake of the court's decision,"

said Beit Jann local council chairman Yusef Kabalan. "I am doing everything in my power to ensure calm and for that reason I met with the head of the

oorthem region police and request-ed that there should be no provocation," Kabalan said. The protest measures being taken by the council are within the framework of the law. We have declared an open-ended strike and we have closed all the access points to the village to all officials of the

Nature Reserves Authority. This was done in order to avoid provocation and violence. Preventing them from entering will help avert the threat of violence

as hundreds of Beit Jann residents erupting and protect them, given the barried with police in protest against atmosphere in the village, over which I have no control."

Kabalan said the council would submit plans to the local huilding and planning commission to approve the route from Beit Jann to He also called for a meeting with

Environment Minister Rafael Eitan. Majid Kazamel, who built on the road to Hurfeish a monument to his son who was killed in the helicopter disaster in February, said the route itself had been in existence for hundreds of years, before the State and the establishment of the Mt. Meron nature preserve.

He maintained that the route had linked the ancient villages of Beit Jann and Hurfeish with Druse centers in Lebanon. Throughout history, he stressed, the Druse had pre-served the natural aspect of the

The NRA said it was trying to arrange a compromise before implementation of the Supreme Court's decision to close the road at the beginning of next month.

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, which petitioned against the road and the proposal to allow Druse with land rights to cultivate their land in the preserve, praised the Supreme Court ruling.

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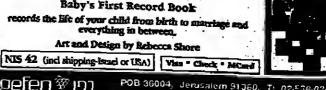
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The Jerusalem Post Tuesday, July 22, 1997

No food for strike-bound hospital patients

Patients at 11 government hospitals will be hit by a double punch today, as no food will be prepared in the kitchens and physicians hold a 24-hour strike.

The sanctions follow what was to have been a one-day warning strike by government hospital nurses, technicians, pharmacists, cleaners, and administrative workers, which will continue partially, even though it was supposed to end at 8 this morning. The sanctions are in protest against government violations of their contracts.

Doctors' union chief Dr. Elisha Bartov said physicians would hold workers assemblies today to protest against Treasury-mandated cuts by hospital managements. Bartov added that "occupancy rates in the state hospitals bave long ago reached the red line, and one can't make cuts in the system without harming patients."

'As a result of the cuts, staff cafe-

security companies has been halted, and workers' payments such as car allowances and holiday gifts to staffers and pensioners have been cancelled.

The union chiefs said that if the budget problems continue, hospital directors will even stop supplying food to patients, distributing clean laundry, and admitting new dialysis and oncology patients.

As a protest against the shutdown of staff cafeterias, patients will go hungry unless their relatives or friends bring them food. Asked what patients who have no one to look out for them would do, a union spokesman said: "That's a

The Health Ministry spokesman said that efforts would be made to provide food through caterers if the unions do not prevent these meals from getting to patients.

Tomorrow there will be various disruptions: at Sheba, Assaf Harofe, Bnai Zion, and Sieff hospi-

technologists and radiology insti-tutes will function on a reduced schedule. At Nahariya, Hillel Yoffe, and Ichilov, the wards, emergency rooms, and intensive care units will work on a Shabbat schedule, along with administrative workers, pharmacists, social workers, laundries, and storerooms. At Rambam, Wolfson, Poriya, and Barzilai hospitals, outpatient clinics and physiotherapists will not function, while labs, cleaning staffs, and technical services will

operate on a Shabbat schedule. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza commented that, with all the understanding of the staffers' grievances, he is sorry they are carrying out e struggle on the backs of patients. His spokesman said that Matza has and will do all he can to make the health system healthy again."

Kupai Holim Clalit announced yesterday that its eight hospitals will function normally during the government hospital strike.



### Mount on the move

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert likes what he sees yesterday as he takes a long view of the city's new Har Homa neighborhood, accompanied by Interior Minister Eli Suissa. The mayor told the minister that infrastructure work is to be completed within four or five months, efter which the Israel Lands Administration can begin marketing plots to contractors for the first 2,500 housing units. Approach roads and support walls heve been built, site developer Yossi Shemtov told the visitors, and after the sewerage system is completed electrical lines will be installed. (Bryan McBurney)

## Bezeq staff threatens more sanctions

By JUDY SIEGEL

Bezeq staffers, protesting over the sale of 12.5% of the company's shares to Merrill Lynch without their consent, are continuing their strike today and have threatened to intensify it. Their week-long sanctions have shut down information and repair services (except for emergencies) and closed Bezeq

The Tel Aviv District Labor Court last week refused management's request to issue restraining orders against Bezeq workers.

The union argues that pension and compensation rights are jeopardized by the sale, which leaves only 12.5% of the company's shares available beyond the 51% state ownership remaining for the

time being. Union head Shlomo Kfir has demanded that the Merrill Lynch deal be cancelled, or that the money gained be used to compensate Bezeq staffers, who will be

ciency program. Kfir said other large unions are expected to join the struggle, because they regard the shares sale as a violation of the rights of workers in government companies.

At a meeting of the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee, chairman MK Maxim Levy said he would meet with the prime minister over the Bezeq crisis. He called on the government to guarantee Bezeg workers' rights. Meanwhile, despite their ongoing sanctions, Bezeq technicians

last night answered an emergency call to repair the telephone system at Ben-Gurion Airport, whose main switchboard and civilian lines had gone dead. sent on early pension in an effi-

MKs discuss legislation against sexual exploitation of children

and LIAT COLLINS

Four Knesset committees convened yesterday in joint session to hear the findings of a report on commercial sexual exploitation of chil-

Deputy attorney-general Yehudit Karp told the Knesset's committees on labor and social affairs, education, aliya and absorption, and the status of women that the government has drafted new legislation to deal with the growing phenomenon.

Children as young as 12 years old recently have fallen victim to commercial sexual exploitation in Israel,

This is no longer a marginal phenomenon and has to be dealt with," she said.

The proposed legislation would expand existing laws on prostitution to cover minors and would deal more stringently with pornography involving minors.

According to the report, more urgent steps have to be taken to reach out to minors in distress. It notes that it is the right of children, under the international charter on child rights, to be protected by society.

Young girls and boys do not engage in prostitution. They are exploited and abused by adults," said Mike Naftali of ELEM, the association for youth in distress, one

of the coauthors of the report.

Labor and Social Affairs

Committee chairman MK Maxim Levy (Likud-Gesher) decried the lack of government funds and said e steering committee would be set up to examine the problem more close-

The Education Ministry has managed to reduce the number of school dropouts by 50 percent, to 30,000, and this will help to reduce the number of youth in distress, said Education Committee head Emanuel Zissmann (Third Wey). More than 1.600 of the vouth

immigrants, said MK Naomi Blumenthal (Likud), who heads the absorption committee.

A special department should be set up to deal with immigrant youth in distress, said MK Marina Solodkin (Yisrael Ba'aliya).

The committees plan to reconvene in two months to see what progress has been made.

At a separate meeting of the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai presented a plan to deal with the problem of 330,000 children at risk and some 200,000 battered women. A dramatic multimedia show on the scope of the problem was shown.

Yishai said that it would cost some NIS 500 million annually for the next three years to deal with the problem via a plan drawn up by ministry director-general Yigael Ben-

Shalom. "We're talking about a social time bomb which needs governmental initiative to defuse in time," Yishai said. "Against the background of the growing problems of the local authorities and the lack of thousands of places in day-care clubs and facilities, there is no choice but to allocate the necessary funding immedi-

According to the figures presented yesterday, 17 women were murdered by their partners in 1996, a total of 95 women since 1990; estimates are that one in seven women is battered, although only 18,000 complaints were filed with the police last year, and of the 120,000 children at immediate risk only a fifth are getting (partial) treatment. In 1995, 23.2% of all children in the country lived

under the poverty line. A pilot program in seven cities is waiting for approval from the Prime Minister's Office to go into effect to complement the plan drawn up in that office to combat domestic vio-



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### **Lod squatters evicted**

The 10 families that took over apartments in a Lod absorption center on Sunday were evicted yesterday afternoon by police, in cooperation with Jewish Agency security staff. Some of the squatters fought with police outside the center, but no injuries were reported. The squatters had taken over the flats, intended for immigrants due to arrive yesterday, by threatening that "blood would be spilled" if the absorption center's manager did not give them the keys.

Aryeh Dean Cohen

### Parents of Arad victims sue for compensation

The parents of two girls killed at the Arad Festival two years ago filed a compensation suit yesterday in Tel Aviv District Court against those involved in staging the festival. Arguing the organizers were criminally negligent, the parents of Na'ama Al-Kariv and Chen Yitzhak demanded NIS 500,000 plus \$5,000 in compensation from Arad Mayor Bezalel Tabib, the Arad Municipality, the festival foundation, festival producers Yoseph and Ro'i Schwartz, the head of the company that sold tickets for the festival. and the Israel Police.

### Two held for Pardess Katz murder

Early yesterday moming, police detained six people suspected of being involved in the murder of Moshe Agmi on Sunday. Police later released four of them.

Agmi, 22, of Pardess Katz, was gunned down near his home on Sunday evening.

### Israeli dies in Indian bus crash

A still-unidentified Israeli man died in a traffic accident in northern India yesterday afternoon. Indian police have informed the Israeli Embassy in New Delhi that the Israeli had been travelling in a bus which overturned.

### Academics gather in Jerusalem

Scholars, writers, artists, and performers from around the world will converge on Mt. Scopus next week when the 12th World Congress of Jewish Studies convenes at Hebrew University. Beginning July 29th, the congress will sponsor 1,200 lectures and events during its six-day span.

At a press conference yesterday, the organizers announced that this congress will focus on five general topics: the Bible; Jewish history; Jewish thought; the arts; and contemporary Jewish society. Additional lecture series will be presented on modern Yiddish, Russian, Arab, and Latin-American Jewish cultures. Jonathan Tepperman

## El Al gives miles to terminally ill children

El Al passengers have donated thousands of frequent-flyer miles to the Make a Wish Foundation, which tries to make it possible for terminally ill children to fulfill their dreams, following an agreement between the Frequent Flyers' Club and the foundation.

In addition, El Al announced that for every 400 miles donated by passengers, the company itself would donate an addi-

So far, said El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman, enough miles have been given to take a family of four to the US. Kleiman said the most-often expressed dreams are to meet a famous person, and after that, to visit Disney World.

## CORRECTION

A mistake occured in the advert for the Maccabiah that appeared in yesterday's paper of July 21, 1997.

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## Wadi Kelt murder suspect stays behind bars

### By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Military prosecutors said yesterday that Ahmad Ali Ka'abneh, the 27-year-old Beduin suspected of murdering two Israeli women last April while they were hiking in Wadi Kelt, stabbed them 75 times and then tossed them off a cliff.

The Beit El Military Court yesterday extended Ka'abneh's remand until the end of his trial. Judge Maj. Arieh Noach also

defense lawyer to bar journalists from the trial.

At the remand hearing, Prosecutor Capt. Eli Braun described how Ka'abneh, a member of the A-Ram tribe, told his interrogators that on April 24 he murdered Hagit Zavitzky and List Kastiel, both 23 years old.

Ka'abneh told General Security Service interrogators that he saw the women swimming in the pools his flock of sheep, and killed them because he "hated Jews." He was arrested two days later.

Ka'abneh had no criminal record, is not suspected of belonging to any political movement, and is believed to have acted alone.

Braun said Ka'abneh waited for the women to start ascending the wadi toward Kfar Aduntim, where Zavitzky lived, and then jumped them. He demanded they hand over

rejected an appeal by Ka'abneh's of Wadi Kelt while he was grazing a bag containing what he thought was an Uzi submachine gun. When they refused, Braun said, Ka'abneh attacked them with his primitive shepherd's dagger.

Ka'abneh later allegedly hid their clothes, camera and a watch in a cave and returned to his encampment at nightfall. He told his mother and brother of his deeds, and they helped him destroy evidence

of the murder, Braun said. Ka'abneh's mother was convicted of destroying evidence, and is serving a three-month sentence. His brother is still in custody.

Yesterday was the first time that Ka'abneh was able to meet with his defense lawyer, who demanded that the media be barred from the courtroom, claiming that publishing details of the killings could be detrimental to his client's case.

Braun said he will ask the court to hand down two consecutive life

## Ban holds up Jerusalem **funeral**

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Stories of bodies which have remained unburied because of doubts concerning the Jewish lineage of the deceased have become almost commonplace. Last week, a less common situation arose: a Jerusalem burial society refused to bury the body of a haredi man because a rabbinical court had excommunicated him.

The episode began four years ago, when the son of the deceased, involved in bitter divorce proceedings, disappeared. His family claimed the rabbinical court had imposed intolerable support payments on him, and insisted it did not know his whereabouts.

Last year, the family was astounded to see that the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court, comprised of dayanim Ezra Basri, Shlomo Fisher, and Nebemia Goldberg, had imposed a herem (ban) on the family. Posters in their Tel Aviv neighborhood advised all pious Jews to have no contact with family members, not to accept them as part of a minyan, or to call them up to the Torah.

The members of the family, who insisted that they were being unfairly harassed by the rabbinical court, largely ignored the ban. One family member had already taken the step - almost unheard of for a haredi person - of obtaining an injunction from the High Court of Justice, forbidding the rabbinical court from summoning him without prior notice, and then having him arrested when he failed to

appear.

"My busband is a hassid, with a. beard and payes, but he's so thankful that it's a democracy," said one relative who decided to

Last week, she said, the head of the family died. In keeping with haredi custom, the family wanted to bury him as soon as possible, but when they arrived at the Jerusalem Municipal Funeral Parlor, the wife of the missing son showed up with a note from the rabbinical court forbidding the society from washing the body or

burying it. The family was aghast. For four hours the body remained unburied, until one of the sons obtained a letter from a prominent Jerusalem rabbi, now an arbitrator in the divorce proceedings. The burial society agreed to bury the body, but the pain remained.

"My father-in-law was a great tzaddik, every penny he had he gave to widows and orphans. To leave his soul hanging in air for four hours is tragic," said a family

Rabbi Eli Ben-Dahan, director of the rabbinical courts, said he was proud of the rabbinical court's ruling. Ben-Dahan said it was true that the High Court had, six months ago, forbidden rabbinical courts from imposing a herem in civil cases, but not in divorce cases. According to Ben-Dahan, the rabbinical court had only allowed the burial after the family agreed to produce the missing son.



### Presidential advice for the Histadrut

President Ezer Weizman (left) yesterday suggests to Histadrut chairman MK Amir Peretz ways to work toward lowering the number of foreign workers and replacing them with Israelis and Palestinians, during a meeting at Beit Hanassi.

## TV show may have led to siblings' reunion

By JUDY STEGEL

Complicated DNA tests on saliva samples from two people living in the North have shown very high probability that they are siblings who were parted as toddlers some 55 years ago at a train station in Poland. Shula Yardeni and Pessah Gelfarb, who live less than an hour's drive from each other in the North, will appear on Channel 1 at 8:55 tonight. along with the Hebrew University geneticist who conducted the tests.

Yardeni, who is now a grandmother living in Karmiel, appeared on Meni Pe'er's television program on Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day.
"She said she didn't know any-

thing about herself - not her real name or her parents' [names] except that someone told her she was two years old when her mother her off to Palestine," TV researcher Sapir Peretz said. Gelfarb, a grandfather who lives at

brought her to a train station and sent

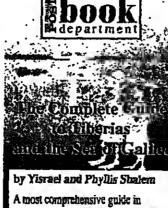
Kibbutz Messilot near Beit She'an, was watching the program and was struck by the likeness between Yardeni and his daughters.

"He said he remembered, at the age of three-and-a-half, being taken by his mother with his younger sister to a train station and returning home without the child."

They appeared together on Pe'er's next show, and program staffers contacted Dr. Hasan Khatib, a Hebrew University geneticist who specializes in examinations of genetic markers on chromosomes, to see if Gelfarb's intuitive feeling was authentic.

Khatib invited the two to his lab. where he took saliva samples and did complex searches for genetic markers.

"When I saw the results, I shook all over," he recalled. "It was such a human story. Their parents' names aren't even marked in their identity cards and they don't know exactly



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spoke vesterday to the
Enesset Restitution of
Jewish Property sub-committee, and said both the
Foreign and Commonwealth
Office and Department of
Trade and Industry are
investigating the issue.

investigating the issue.
Sub-committee chairman Ayraham Herschson (Likud) welcomed the news, but still asked that Forcign Minister David Levy write to his opposite number in Westminster, Robin Cook, asking for an early solution

to the affair.

I'm sure he [British]
Premier Tony Blair! won't
want this issue hanging
around, said Gideon Meir. Levy's advisor on world Jewish affairs. Children of those with

accounts in British hanks told the committee of their parents' and grandparents' negative experiences in attempting to withdraw their funds. Part of the

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countries" even though most had fled the Nazi or Fascist regimes.
"I don't understand why

this has taken 50 years; the British should have com-pensated immediately, said Herschson Today, Israel is commemo-

rating the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the stop Exodus, he added, noting that Britain, is the same government that prevented. people from returning to their own country to rebuild their fives." However, Avraham Poraz (Shinui) said the British are

a sympathetic people, and should not be pushed for On the other hand Nissim

Dahan (Shas) expressed dis-gust that the "mother of all democracies" was capable of such actions. He recommended that the subject be ruised at all upcoming meet-ings between Israeli and British parlimmentarious. The sub-committee is to hold another meeting on the issue, and Herschson has requested full British participation.

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## Central Europe floods spread to German-Polish border

BERLIN (Reuters) - Emergency workers yesterday fought to repair dikes to prevent the River Oder, along Germany's border with Poland, from flooding thousands of homes.

Matthias Platzeck, environment minister in the eastern German state of Brandenburg, said plans were being made for possible evacoation of the region. The floods sweeping central Europe have claimed scores of lives in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Speaking oo Berlin radio, Platzeck said around 350 leaks had to be monitored in dikes where water levels have reached record highs.

Chancellor Helmut Kobl, due in the region to open a new steel rolling mill in the town of Eisenhaettenstadt, was to visit the town of Frankfurt on the Oder this afternoon to see the flood situation for bimself.

About 20,000 people live in Germany's Oderbruch area on the Polish border - a low-lying area that would face flooding if the river broke its banks. But officials also fear flooding in other

Thousands of rescue workers, fire fighters, border guards and soldiers are ready for action if the dikes break when another wave of water surges down the Oder tomorrow, bringing debris from the floods in Poland. In some places the river already has swollen to nearly three meters above normal.

Brandenburg interior minister Alwin Ziel said he expected water levels to remain high io the region for at least two weeks.

The important question is whether the dikes can hold ... I have grave concerns about this, and that's why we have to take this so seriously," said Ziel, also speaking on the radio.

The oearby state of Lower Saxony said it was making an extra 800,000 sandbags available to Brandeoburg to support the banks of the Oder.

Meanwhile, German reinsurance giant Municb Re estimated flood damage in Poland and the Czech Republic at DM1.3 billion. "Reports from the region indi-

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cate insured losses of DM1.2 billion in the Czech Republic and DM 300 million in Poland," a company spokesman said.

"It is bard to get accurate figures because the privatized insurance industry is still relatively young in these areas, and the reporting sys-tems are oot well developed," the spokesman said.

He was not yet able to give figures for Slovakia, which also bas been hit by the floods. He put economic losses in Austria at DM 300m., but was unable to say how much of that was insured.

The floods also have hit eastern parts of Germany, where most householders are covered for flood damage in standard household policies, although contracts signed since 1990 do not offer flood cover as standard.

sandbag barricade from the rising flood waters of the Oder River.

Munich RE is expected to face claims of between DM 20m. and DM 60m., he said. A London-based loss adjuster

said commercial firms in Poland could face heavy losses. Robert Donnelly, a loss adjuster with Crawford THG who is in Warsaw to estimate damage loss-

es, said: "We are aware of multi-

million dollar losses for individual Several multinational companies have plants in the worst-hit areas of Poland, including the

"Both towns have had water lev-

cities of Opole and Wroclaw.

els two meters higher than normal. There is a lack of food and water, no electricity and poor telephone lines," Donnelly said.

Last week, Poland's Hestia Insurance said it would make what may be the largest payment in its history to flood-hit electrode maker ZEW which was insured

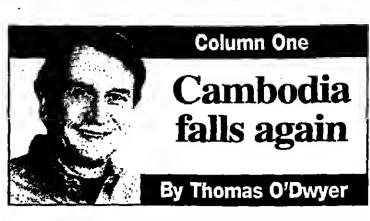
for 230m. zlotys. The death toll in Poland has risen to 50 during two weeks of rain which has caused some of the worst floods this century. The death toll in the Czech Republic has gone above 40.

Czech iosurer Ceska Pojistovna said it expects the flooding to cost it around 5b. crowns in

Investigations continue on the extent of insurance coverage, but it is expected that multi-nationals will have Western European-style covers which include aspects such as business interruption as well as materials.

Many will be covered by Western European iosurers and policies with Polish companies are likely to be reinsured in Western Europe or the London market.

Doonelly said most Polish insurers are large and capable organizacions, but Simon Aubrey-Jones, an eastern Europe specialist at broker Willis Corroon, said it is possible some insurers could have insufficient reinsurance cov-



Any historian of Rome could have warned the Cambodians about the folly of allowing two powerful rivals to run a country jointly. The trappings of state, even in a deerepit state like Cambodia, provide ample facili-ties for each "joint ruler" to carve out a personal power base, reward cronies, appoint lieutenants and muster supporters - until one gets

strong enough to oust the other. Welcome to Cambodia, immortalized in The Killing Fields - a tradition that sinister coup leader

Hun Sen seems keen to honor. Several million Cambodians have died since 1970 in endless war including Pol Pot's reign of terror and extermination. Cambodia's infrastructure is shattered.

Ousted is Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who has served uneasily as co-prime minister with Hun Sen since 1993. That was when the United Nations proclaimed it was bringing "democracy at last" to the weary Cambodians.

After the most massive and expensive peacekeeping operation in bistory, the UN supervised the 1993 elections, which ushered in the shared premiership, and then left the Cambodians to make a mess of it all,

To oo one's surprise, they have obliged. After all, when the United Nacions declares something it has done to be a resounding success, it's time to look for cover.

Ironically, Hun Seo's move against his rival, was sparked by reports of the breakup of the notorious Khmer Rouge in the northern jungles, and the capture by one faction of the aging vampire Pol Pot. Amid fears that defecting Khmer

Rouge guerrillas were being brought into the capital, Huo Sen on July 5 moved swiftly against Ranariddh's troops and routed them. Ranariddh and most leaders of his royalist party are in exile. In fine Cambodian tradition, Hun

Sen has been getting on with torturing and executing his opponents. At least 35 are reported to have been killed, and hundreds are imprisoned — including a group of around 400 in the central province of Kandal. Him Sen sanctions the abuse of

his prisoners. He said on Friday: "Measures must be severely applied on those who intimidate others." His minions didn't require a high IQ to translate and apply this Orwellian gobbledygook. For example, 30 soldiers cap-

mred oo Joly 8 by Regiment 911, an elite unit trained by Indonesia (surprise surprise!), were taken to Kambol, a military base west of Phnom Penh. Blindfolded and with hands tied behind their backs, they were herded into a small cell with no light or ventilatioo and forced to sleep upright.

Over the following 10 days, they were beaten with rods and barbed wire, and made to drink raw sewage. They were interrogated by means of metal elamp lie detectors" on their fingers. Pol Pot is gone, long live Hun

The rest of the world has two options in selecting an attitude to these new political crimes - "who cares" or "enough is enough."

Any guesses? For the moment, the United States, Australia, Germany and Japan have cut off aid to the wretched country. As usual, this crude if necessary instrument tends to carve up the already impoverished and dispossessed, rather than the corrupt coup-cats at the top.

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Better news is that hundreds of foreigners - including businessmen have fled, and tourists have again crossed Cambodia off their "must

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Hun Sen's next attempt to legitimize his coup is likely to come on Monday, when the 120-member National Assembly will be asked to rubber stamp his choice of a replacement for Ranariddh as copremier. At least half the royalist members of parliament have fled. No one has asked the rest of the party to approve Hun Sen's nominee, Foreign Minister Ung Huot.

Huo Sen is trying to reassure the world by promising to replace Ranariddh and to honor the constitation. The world, of course has never heard that one before.

It is up to parliament now either to fight for democracy, or to go down fighting in order to expose Hun Sen's hypocrisy. If parliament even meets, it's getting off from a slippery starting block this meeting already mooths overdue.

For the moment, the Association of South East Asian Nations has suspended the imminent admission of Cambodia. It's a welcome pause for thought, but no one should hold their breath while waiting for ASEAN to champion democracy.

Just ask the Burmese.

## FBI: Serial killer Cunanan may be bent on revenge

Residents load valuables from their workshop onto a small boat yesterday in Eisenhuettenstadt, Germany, which is protected by a

MIAMI BEACH, Florida (AP) - As authorities followed hundreds of tips on the whereabouts of suspected serial killer Andrew Cunanan, the FBI has reportedly begue warning bis acquaintances they may be his next tar-

Cunanan, a suspect in the slayings of fashion designer Gianni Versace and four other men across the United States, may be working his way down a hit list of wealthy homosexuals and art patrons who he believes have crossed him, FBI spokeswoman Coleen Rowley said in Mooday's USA Today.

The FBI is reviewing interviews with people who knew Cunanan. "We want to see if he talked about other people," Rowley said. "If we come across names, we would be remiss if we didn't convey that information to them." Authorities have said they believe Cunanan, who could be posing as a woman, is still in south Florida. The manhunt, bowever, is

More details have emerged about Cunanan's actions in the days before Versace's slaying on the steps of his South Beach villa last Tuesday. A Brazilian woman told authorioes she has photos and video showing Cuoanan and Versace together at the mansion during an informal July 13 gathering.

A friend of Cunanan's told the FBI that Cunanan had a crush on a member of Versace's entourage, Time magazine reported.

Authorioes have tried to determine whether Cunanan and Versace knew each other. A day before the July 15 slaying, security cameras at the News Cafe recorded Cunanan about 30 minutes before Versace made his usual appearance to buy magazines, Newsweek reported. The cafe is within walking distance of

Versace's home. Before all of this, Cunanan had left a brazen

trail across Miami Beach. Two weeks ago, Cunanan walked into a pawnshop, used his real name and left a thombprint as he pawned a gold coin from Lee Miglin, a Chicago developer Cunanan is former friend.

accused of killing in May. He also left a record of the hotel and room oumber where he stayed until the day before Versace's slaying.

The pawn shop is within sight of the Normandy Plaza Hotel, where employees said Cunanan stayed for two months before Versace's murder, Manager Roger Falin said Cunanan used an alias, flashed a French passport and went from paying daily to weekly to

Even before Versace's slaying, the FBI was receiving reports of Cunanan sightings from all corners of the country - boarding airplanes, at a laundry in Oklahoma City, in the audience

at the Geraldo Rivera show. On Saturday, Miami Beach police said Cunanan may be attempting to elude authorides by shaving his body and dressing as a

woman. Besides being the prime suspect in Versace's death, Cunanan is wanted for the slayings of Miglin, a cemetery caretaker in New Jersey and two men in Minnesota - an ex-lover and a

## French TV mix-up sends porn film to Arab world

PARIS (Reuters) - A switching error caused a French channel to broadcast a hard-core pornographic film around the Arab world instead of a children's program, France's overseas television authority said yes-

The state-funded Canal France International apologized for the mistake, which resulted in all its programs being yanked off the air by the Arabsat satellite consortium after the broadcast at prime time on Saturday afternoon.

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### THEATER REVIEW

# A play-on worlds

By NAOMI DOUDAL

Tillel Mittelpunkt competes only with Hanoch Levin as one of today's most prolific as well as pessimistic Hebrew playwright-directors.

His 26th play to date Gon Eden Darom("South of Paradise"), now premiering at Beit Lessin, Tel Aviv. surpasses anything he has previously done.

His usual steamy, squalid slum milieus throbhiog with the agonies, ecstasies, pathos and prides of damaged lives and derelict loves is here compounded with a presentday Ethiopian-Romanian-Russian-Sephardi-Ashkenazi mix that sizzles with cross-coltural frictions and friendships.

### SOUTH OF PARADISE

By Billel Mittelpunkt

A study of a stagnant southern town portrayed through the goings-on of the said Cafe Gan Eden and its habitués is developed in a novel, almost surreal structure of quickchange vignettes, monologues, confessionals and other arresting dramatic devices. The play maintains its hold over the audience until the very end, which suffers somewhat from a lame denouement. This is about the only criticism that can be leveled at an otherwise deeply penetrating, realistic piece.

The quirks of a difficult dramatic concept crossed with so many

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rocky relationships are competently and deftly handled in Mittelpunkt's direction. His text injects a nonstop infusion of local lingo and pithy street humor into the ongoing tenor of brutality and violence.

But above all, this production deserves to be seen for its eight outstanding performances. To assemble in one cast leading artists of the caliber of Aharon Almog (consummate as Dolphy, the darkly tragic, rueful Romanian), Gedalia Besser (his Odessa, the pedantic Russian, is yet another example of his ele-gant and exquisite acting), and Mati Seri (who, as Ruby, a smalltime Pop-pusher, gives one of his most dynamic, deeply-felt charac-ter roles to date) is io itself a colos-

The best and most unexpected performance comes from the hitherto unknown young newcomer Udi Gil, a "natural" in the role of Asher, the desperate, delinquent son. He invests a demanding part with a fine balance of poignancy and crude passion.

Ada Lev's Viva, his tempestuous, temperamental Mum, is delightful if deeply disturbing. Asi Levy's tough single-mother taxi-driver Jackie, is another spunky, refreshing study. Sharona, a demented disco-dancer (alas, in the text the role loses its vibrancy towards the end), is realized hy Daphna Rechier with the right degree of frantic flamboyance and eye-catching allure. The Ethiopian waitress, a geotle, hovering preseoce throughout, is played by Tammy Akalla with unassuming charm.

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The relationship between David (Brian Austin Green, above) and Donna is about to change.

## '90210' trauma

By DANIEL J. CHALFEN

FAT OF THE LAND lonight's episode of Beverly Hills 90210 (8:55, Channel COLLECTION 3) was cited by many US TV COLLECTION critics as the "episode that will WITHOUT YOU change American thinking" when BLOOD ON THE ... it was aired there almost two OK COMPUTER mooths ago. In this, the last episode in the current - and most recent - series, innocent, angelic HOUSE OF AGNOSIA Donna Martin (played by Tori Spelling, daughter of producer Aaron Spelling) loses her virginity to long-term, Jewish boyfriend David Silver (Brian Austin Green).

It is the end of their college years, they are set to graduate, and Donna has decided that she is ready to take her relatiooship with David that one step further. She has seen her roommate Kelly's recent unwanted pregnancy and theo miscarriage, she has been jealous of the after-dark hours other couples spend with each

other, she has hrushed with Valerie's promiscuity and Steve and Clare's intensely tactile rela-tionship, and has now decided she is ready to lose her virginity.

But over the years, through which Donna has turned down many sexual propositions on grounds of morality and Christian ethic, she has developed a following of fans, many of whom took vows of celibacy outside of marriage as a consequence. This concluding episode therefore came as a slap in the face for the anti-sexbefore-marriage movement which has been snapping up teenagers in schools and colleges across the US in recent years. Psychologists reported a considerable amount of patients, teenagers and some in their early 20s, who were traumatized hy the episode.

"They had created for themselves a hero, based their lifestyles on her, only to have their illusions

shattered," said a New York-born Israeli psychologist, "but it should not happen here, where Beverly Hills itself has had less social impact and where value systems are less determined by TV heroes than in the US."

With the conclusioo of this series, debate about whether we will ever again see the Beverly Hills cast in these roles is rife. There is speculation that an eighth series, Beverly Hills, the Married Years, is being planned, Jason Priestly, Brandon Walsh in the series, who is now one of the producers as well as an actor, is very keen to return. He has, however, stated that he would only do so if he is hilled as executive producer. Jennie Garth, Kelly Taylor in the series, has made it clear, however, that despite her current \$20,000 an episode payroll, she feels her Beverly Hills days are over and it

FESTIVAL ROUNDUP

## Arad's 'spiritual' side

By AMY KLEIN

Tever has the maxim "You get out of something only what you put into it" been more true than at last week's three-day Arad music festival, where audience reactions matched the energy of the performers.

Take Mani Caspi's understated stage presence. At a gig attended by a crowd that had more gray hair than not, Caspi didn't yell, dance, or cajole the crowd. Typical, deadpan Caspir aside from a terse explanation for his four-year furlough ("I had some things I needed to do. I'm glad to be back") and a few sardonic comments, he sat still and played.

A standing ovation marked his entrance and exit, but for the most part much of the crowd was talking without bothering to whisper, walking around, at times singing along; bored and restless – especially during the

His voice as mellifluous as ever, Caspi sang his own songs as well as ones he wrote for other singers like Yehudit Ravitz and Riki GaL

To see how a real star treats her andience, Rita's gig was the place to be. With a regal stage presence, the sexy, beautiful soprano danced, laughed and sang, bestowing upon the crowd of 1,400 a true show. Her changes of costume (a black, sultry number, a fun ruby flounce and a classy, cream-colored belly-baring gown) was nothing less than one would expect from her. Her husband Rami

Kleinstein is more like the boy next door. "Good morning!" he beams even though it's three in the morning on the concert stage set up below Masada, "Why are you all standing so far away?" He looks to the guards, "Is there any reason they can't move up? They'll be good, I promise."

In his first performance of eight months, Kleinstein, at the piano under the starry sky, made you feel like you were in his living room. Cleverly, he introduced the songs from his new album in between his older hits such as "Apples and Dates" and

"Forever Young."
Someone who made full use of the dramatic Masada setting was David Broza, who also performed at three in the morning. During his all-Hebrew performance, different parts of the mountaintop were lit up in white or red, flame-like lighting. Broza spared us his usual 20-minote riffs and making love to his guitar. For three hours he treated the audience to one of his best performances, perhaps because he invited performers such as Ronit Shahar to share the stage.

"Masada is very spiritual. I've performed all over the world, and no one can huild a stage like this," Broza told The Jerusalem Post.

For teens the highlight of the festival was the thunderous night of hard rock, featuring Ice 9, The Jews, Roquefort, Barry Saharov and an electric Aviv Gefen. It was a freaks' field day: tongue rings, mohawks ("Statue of Liberty haircuts"), belly-neck-. laces, tattoos, chains, etc.

## A taste for the shtetl

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

The growing world-wide popularity of klezmer music was evidenced hy the thousands of people who flocked to Safed last week for the 10th annual Klezmer

The crowds moving through Safed's winding alleys were fre-quently headed in the direction of the more authentic sounds, though many stopped to listen to Nunu, the six-member jazz klezmer band from Munich whose musicians are not Jewish but sing in Lithuanian-accented

Band leader and bass player Uwe Schwidewski doesn't see anything unusual about a German group adopting klezmer music. Musical emotions are not exclusive," he says. "Music belongs to everyone hut we have our own particular interpretation." What was most

heartening to Nunu was the positive feedback from Orthodox audiences in Safed. Nunu has played before similar audiences in Europe, but the band members weren't quite sure of the reception they would receive in Israel. As it turned out, they were a real hit.

Avi Piamenta, the jazz musician and composer who is now a. Habad hassid, played several gigs, but the busiest performer was storyteller Shaul Mayzlish, who moved from stage to stage with a connecopia of mostly. hassidic parables.

He was at his best at the tish a totally atmospheric heimishe reception on the patio of Habad. House, where male guests rose from tables piled with herring. cakes, cookies, soft drinks and vodka to dance with wild abandon almost to a state of ecstasy as the rhythm of the music quickened and spectators joined in by stamping their feet and clapping.

Zubin Mehta, conductor IN TUNE

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## The muse from the mummy's tomb

is time to move on.

## By DAVID BRINN

arl Wallinger under the moniker World Party is responsible for one of the best alhums of the 1990s, as any of the few dozens of people who own it can attest.

> **EGYPTOLOGY** Vorld Party (NMC)

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Goodbye Jumbo was chock full of clever, passionate pop with tinges of The Beatles, Sly & the Family Stone and Prince thrown

in for good measure.

Wallinger, who originally played in The Waterboys back io the 1980s, holes himself up in his home studio and occasionally shares his muse with the rest of

Egyptology, his fourth release, a far cry from the fresh clarity of Goodbye Jumbo, still offers enough tunecraft and general oddness to make it a cut above the run of the mill. Wallinger's musical sensibili-

ties, like those of fellow British eccentrics Rohyn Hitchcock and Nick Lowe, are derived from a hippie background funneled through alternative college radio.

What you're left with, especially on tracks like "It is Time" and "Curse of the Mummy's Tomb," is happy-go-lucky sunshioefueled guitar pop with an underlyiog sense of populist activism.



Lisa Stansfield's voice is all funked up with nowhere to go.

Wallinger's knack for beautiful ballads holds op on "She's the One" and "This World," and if the overall songwriting level has

diminished in the seven years since Goodbye Jumbo, then it's only because the expectations were so great. It's still a keeper.

LISA Stansfield's fourth epony-mous alhum is uptown blue-eyed r&h. A little too hlue-eyed.

Stanfield's voice is an impressive instrument, hut surrounded in middle-of-the-road arrangemeots and limp disco and funk hacking tracks, it has nowhere to

That voice doesn't get any help, either, from Stansfield's ordinary songs, which slip from memory like high heels on a waxed dance floor.

On a few ballads, she tries to enter Whitney Houston territory, hut her attempts sound more like rubber soul.

And she never shows flashes of

cert in which she came out in curlers with a vacuum cleaner. GENEVA is proof that a had oame doesn't oecessarily mean a bad band. On the contrary, this dehut from this Scottish quintet is one of the better "Brit-guitar

the humor she displayed in her

appearance a few years hack at

the Freddy Mercury tribute coo-

band" releases this year. Geneva knows a good hook when it hears one, and its sleek. if unimaginative, approach to the material exposes some fine songwriting taleot. Chiming guitars compete with crystalline clear vocals, and the punchy rhythm takes care of the rest.

But there's nothing here that hasn't been done by Suede or Oasis, which had already been done by Bowie and The Kinks, which had already been....

## DANCE ROUNDUP

## Viva España! Fancy footwork straight from Spain tling at contemporary expressions that are more credible on the TAPA stage than at By ORA BRAFMAN

SPANISH NATIONAL BALLET

Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, July 16

The Spanish National Ballet concocted a program that was intended to show the wide range of the Spanish dance language, a truly unique phenomenon in the West, whereby a codified-movement vocabulary is totally identified with a specific national culture. This enables one to travel easily from folk to court dance, shifting to dramatic and theatrical stage dance, and set-

still firmly within the national framework. Zapateado ("Stamping"), danced by Oscar Jimenez, brought some traditional light footwork. With his virtuoso performance, devoid of acrobatics, he contributed some of the more pleasing moments of the evening.

Communicating through change of intensity and frequency of rhythms is a Spanish speciality, yet Mariema's choreography in Dance and Rhythms concentrates on staying pretty. When it came to Gitanos y Baleros ("Gypsies and Dancers") the desired wild

streak was unfortunately missing. The second half of the evening inclined toward high drama with choreographer Jose Granero's Bolero and Medea. His Balero is pretty intensive but cannot compete with the ultimate, electrifying stage interpretation of Maurice Bejart. Although his Medea was

New York's City Center, it is too melodramatic. When Granero's Medea dances in an unbearably verbal way, splashed on the floor, tearing her heart and soul out, she is less impressive than in her duet with her husband, King Jason, which has the passion, pride and pain of a powerful love-hate deadlock at its deathly peak.

BATSHEVA ENSEMBLE

Suzanne Deliai, July 18

THE Batsheva Ensemble, the young company alongside Batsheva Dance Company, systematically supports new works by ensemble members, which sometimes pro-

Yossi Berg's first solo work, Architect, joins the Vain Ode by Lara Barsacq, Veteran of the ensemble, and unveils a talented dancer-creator with a lot of promise. Although the world premier of 100 Mavements by Canadian chorcographer Lynda Gaudrean was intended to be the show's highlight Larmes blanches. White Tears') hy French choreographer Angelin Perlicaj took center stage. It turned out to be the only work that is coherent in its visual images as melling in thought process.

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Perliocaj takes the time to establish a series of theme-movements that form a solid foundation for his artistic voice. His clear control of stagecraft is ever more conafter seeing Barsacy's and Gaudreau's works, which are scholastic yet mechanical

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A Freund in deed

Bella Freund made headlines in 1992 for an unusual act. Now the haredi woman is in the public eye again, this time in an effort to foster secularreligious dialogue, Amy Klein reports ella Freund is used to doing the unexpected. Five years

Dago, the haredi woman stopped an angry mob from attacking an Arab who had just stabbed two boys in Jerusalem's marketplace. She stood in front of him for 27 minutes while people kicked and punched her, one even burnt her with a cigarette. She did what "any normal buman being should have done," she unabashedly told the press in the weeks that followed, taking an unusually public stand, particularly for a haredi

Freund is back in the public eye. This time she has joined forces with her secular friend Ilana Ravid to found Shiluv ("integration, interweaving"), an organization whose purpose is to create a dialogue between secular and religious Jews. What makes this organization different from the dozens of others around Israel is that this one won't do anything.
Well, not anything that the other

dialogue groups do. What Shiluv will do is serve as an umbrella organization for all the existing groups. "By working together, everyone will get more power. There are many movements. We want to work together to influence this nation," says Ravid who, a year ago, had intended to start an organization to promote dialogue between the two groups but found that there were already over 30 organizations with this purpose, some redundant, and most exhibiting influence only within their immediate surroundings. Unity and coordination for the the existing organizations, she decided, would be her contribution.

"Ever since I moved from Haifa to Jerusalem five years ago, I have felt the mounting tension between religious and non-religious Jews," says the 60-plus Ravid, "I thought, if I don't work

to resolve this, who will?" Six months ago Ravid enlisted the 45-year-old Freund to join her in this mission. Ravid first met Freund four years ago when the Society for a Better Israel (an organization which Ravid helped found) bestowed upon Freund an award for protecting the Arab

assailant from the mob. Over this last half year they worked to identify the different organizations (Dialogue, Common Denominator, Conversation, Paths, to name a few) and meet with some of their directors, who all agreed that there was a need for a "steering" organization. On July 7, Shiluv was born. And now they are

ready to work. Their first activity: a conference, to be held, at the end of September for all organizations and people who would like to improve relations between the religious and the non-religious. Shiluv, as an apolitical organization, will work to push this issue to the top of the national agenda, through public relations, advertis-



Bella Freund (left) and Ilana Ravid, founders of Shiluv, an umbrella organization for secular-religious dialogue groups. (Sarit Uziely)

ning, and by letting the organizations "each work in their own particular way," says Ravid.

"We want to break through the barriers. We have to dismande them," adds Freurid! ..

· HOW DOES one improve relations between two sectors of society that these days can barely stand on the same side of the street without a police blockade between them? "It's easy to hate a stranger. It's much harder to

How does one improve relations between two sectors of society that these days can barely stand on the same side of the street without a police biockade between them?

hate someone you are sitting face-to-face with," says Ravid. Freund agrees. "Look, if you take off the nose ring and the streimel, when you sit two people down, something good will come out of

Very nice ideals, but what happens when the groups come upon

unresolvable issues? "The army is a problem for me; I feel that half the nation is serving

ing, information exchange, plan- for another balf," admits Ravid. "But still this is something that I think we can talk about."

Freund agrees. "The army is a difficult Issue. I can understand how people feel about all the people who don't serve, religious and not religious."

Both happen to think that this is not their problem, but the government's to solve. They believe they can make their impact not so much through discussion, but by promoting joint activities for secular and religious people.. "Why do we have to talk about everything?"asks Freund. Next school year, she will be working with one of the organizations to distribute books to poor children. Freund believes that common causes I forge bonds. "I am haredi - let us all be hared [fearful] against traffic accidents, against battered women, against poor children. These are the things we

can work together on." The first step, though, is to open the lines of communication. The minute you open a dialogue, you open up the process to accept one another as they are," Freund believes.

But is acceptance possible? "I have many secular friends wbom I respect and bave learned a lot from," says Freund. "I want them to understand who I am and

where I am from. "I believe in God, not religion, but I respect someone else's right to keep the commandments," says Ravid. Sbc is more wary. But I don't want any religious

"I don't want to make anyone

religious," Freund insists. "First of all, it is against Jewish law to coerce someone to be religious. Secondly, if they were religious, then I wouldn't be with them."

TO UNDERSTAND how unlikely it is that these two women are allies, one must first know that they are from as different worlds as two Israeli Ashkenazi women can be: Freund's parents, survivors of Auschwitz, were hassidim. Freund is also married to a hassid, and they and their cight children are affiliated with the Agudat Israel party. She is an anomaly in a community that,

"If you take off the nose ring and the streimel, when you sit people down, something good will come out of it."

although it values charity and peace, prefers to keep itself - and particularly its women - out of the public eye.

Freund recently took a public stand supporting the right of religious women to cover their hair with a wig. This came in response to a ruling by Shas Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, prohibiting women from covering their hair with a wig alone. "If we can bave the responsibility of raising eight children, I think we can make decisions on bow to dress," she says.

Ravid, a "total secularist," was born in Israel to Polish parents -Maskilim "intellectuals" - who were so secular that they didn't even speak Yiddish in their house. It upsets her that many secular people feel they could more easily hold a dialogue with Arabs than with haredim.

Despite their different worlds, these women have much in common. They both come from Zionist homes (Freund's father served in the army). They are both aesthetic in their appearance (sharing the mirror to prep before pictures) and in their living space (Ravid's airy Rehavia penthouse is filled with her sculptures and plants, while Freund's silver Judaica adorns her spacious apartment in Makor Baruch). Professionally, they bave both devoted their careers to helping others, Freund as a marriage counselor and social worker, and Ravid as a teacher and principal.

together is what motivates them: a combination of fear and love. We are going to lose this land that we worked so hard for

What makes them work well

because we will be weak," says "Jerusalem was destroyed not because people stopped respecting Shabbat," says Freund, "but

because they didn't respect one another." "We need to create brotherly love. For our grandchildren,

Ravid insists. "Not love," concedes Freund. "Acceptance. And not for our

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grandchildren. Nor our children. For us. For me and you."

## Not Page One **Hockey Night** in - Metulla

etulla is not Montreal. Winning isn't every-Nemirovsky is no Beliveau.

Beliveau is no god. But he's close. No one could believe what they were seeing: a hockey game, in Israel, an all-Jewish Canadian national team, sabras stepping out of sandals and into skates to take on the mighty world powerhouse.

"Maccabiah Ice Hockey Championships: Isracl Canada." Sheer hutzpa!

Even the referee was in theme: the back of his striped sweater read "COHEN."

The Israelis should have been collective roadkill, an ant under a Mack truck, the way the Canadians tooled up for this match. They brought a former Stanley Cupwinning coach, Jacques Demers of the Montreal Canadiens; the Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs provided their team trainers; the chairman of the team was a part owner of the Montreal Expos baseball team, Mark Routtenberg; a couple of the players were borrowed from the National Hockey League; and if all that weren't enough, they brought along a legend of the game, Jean Beliveau, for inspiration.

Canada came to win. Israel, just to participate. Both achieved their

Demers was not motivated by the Jewishness of it all, and had no reason to be: he was as singly dedicated to victory as when he paced

By Sam Orbaum distant second. Metulla Mayor Yossi Goldberg got what he wanted: to put his pretty border village on the map:

sized mirage that won rapturous kudos from everyone there. You knew this was Metulia, and not Montreal, by the depth of Goldberg's involvement in his town's most insignificant operations. I was chatting with Goldberg when he noticed a worker struggling to open a door to the rink. The mayor begged my pardon and explained to the worker the trick to jiggling this particular

to bring big-time hockey to his

world-class rink, an Olympic-

latch. That's a mayor! (Goldberg gave the entire Canadian team the use of his own phone to call home, to reassure their families after the opening ceremony tragedy.)

And everybody got what they wanted in Jean Beliveau.

He is the impossible combination of revered sports icon and humbly cordial gentleman.

Every single person who dared approach him was received warmly, to every request for an autograph, photo, handshake, Beliveau ho-hoed abashedly and looked the stranger in the eye with an expression that actually seemed to say he was honored.

One fellow told Beliveau he'd been at the game in 1951 when the future Hall of Famer got his first tryout. Beliveau happily reminisced with him for a few minutes.

No one could believe what they were seeing: a hockey game, in Israel, an all-Jewish Canadian national team, sabras stepping out of sandals and into skates.

behind the Montreal bench.

Routtenberg wanted to give the players a Jewish infusion. But also gold medal.

The fans in attendance, they wanted it all. And got it. Most of them, judging by the vocal sup-port, bleed maple syrup. There was a busload of tourists from Montreal, soldiers from Canada's Golan force, long-time immigrants who grew up on Saturday telecasts of Hockey Night in Conada.

You'd think those folks from the True North Strong and Free had a vocabulary limited to "fantastic "unbelievable!" and "incredible!" --- such were the only words fans could utter when asked their thoughts on this improbable event.

The Canadian players, they, too, wanted it all. And didn't get it. They grumbled about the competitive level; the remoteness of Metulla: the food, the lack of beautiful women ("Hey, man, we were promised great-looking girls in this country").

David Nemirovsky scored three goals in Canada's 12-1 win, but the consensus was that he could bave scored twice that with a few dozen sexy female fans to spur him on. At a post-game dinner (which fully justified their complaints about the food), Nemirovsky nearly leapt through a plate-glass window when a begowned bride strode by on the other side.

"Women. Hockey and women, that's all we want," one of his teammates explained. "We went to the beach in Tel Aviv, that was great; they took us to the Wall in Jerusalem, not so great."

l got the feeling these were hockey players first, Jews a very

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Lionel Gaffen, a photographer from Kfar Giladi, had this observation: "Watch him — everyone who asks for an autograph, they expect nothing more, but he spends a moment with each one. He asks a personal question, like where they're from or if they're enjoying the game. Anyone who asks him to pose for a photo, he puts his arm around their shoulders and pulls them in close, like a father."

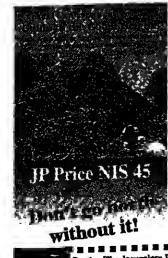
an athlete from What Victoriaville, Quebec, has in common with an Upper Galilee politician I can't imagine, but Beliveau and Goldberg found a lot to talk about.

Even odder was when a uni-formed IDF colonel — far more likely from Morocco or Iraq than from Canada - sat down next to Beliveau. Judging by their body language, they looked like old friends.

When he wasn't besieged by fans, mayors, soldiers or newspapermen, Beliveau's attention turned to the game. He had only good things to say - about the Canada Center complex, the rink, the quality of the ice, even about the team that was in the process of losing 12-1. He applauded the lone Israeli goal, lauded the over-whelmed goalie, admired the doggedness of the Israeli team. He spoke about Israel like a dyed-inthe-wool Zionist

He didn't complain about the food or the women; wouldn't know how.

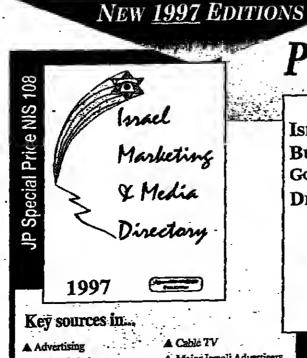
I, too, got what I wanted. A dream come true, if you'll pardon the regression into childish exuberance. I watched a hockey game sit-ung next to my boyhood idol. Like we were buddies.



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## A play on worlds

By NAOMI DOUDAI

illel Mittelpunkt competes only with Hanoch Levin as one of today's most prolific as well as pessimistic Hebrew play-

His 26th play to date Gon Eden Darom("South of Paradise"), now premiering at Beit Lessin, Tel Aviv, surpasses anything he has previously done.

His usual steamy, squalid slum milieus throbbing with the agonies. ecstasies, pathos and prides of damaged lives and derelict loves is here compounded with a presentday Ethiopian-Romanian-Russian-Sephardi-Ashkenazi mix that sizzles with cross-cultural frictions and friendships.

SOUTH OF PARADISE

By Hillel Mittelpunkt

A study of a stagnant southern town portrayed through the goings-on of the said Cafe Gan Eden and its habitués is developed in a novel, almost surreal structure of quickchange vignenes, monologues, confessionals and other arresting dramatic devices. The play maintains its hold over the audience until the very end, which suffers somewhat from a lame denouement. This is about the only criticism that can be leveled at an otherwise deeply pen-

etrating, realistic piece. The quirks of a difficult dramatic concept crossed with so many

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ly and deftly handled in Mittelpunkt's direction. His text injects a nonstop infusion of local lingo and pithy street humor into the ongoing tenor of brutality and

But above all, this production deserves to be seen for its eight outstanding performances. To assemble in one cast leading artists of the caliber of Aharon Almog (consummate as Dolphy, the darkly tragic, rueful Romanian), Gedalia Besser (his Odessa, the pedantic Russian, is yet another example of his elegant and exquisite acting), and Mati Seri (who, as Ruby, a smalltime Pop-pusher, gives one of his most dynamic, deeply-felt charac-ter roles to date) is in itself a colossal feat.

The best and most unexpected performance comes from the hitherto unknown young newcomer Udi Gil, a "natural" in the role of Asher, the desperate, delinquent son. He invests a demanding part with a fine balance of poignancy and crude passion.

Ada Lev's Viva, his tempestuous, temperamental Mum, is delightful if deeply disturbing. Asi Levy's tough single-mother taxi-driver Jackie, is another spunky, refreshing study. Sharona, a demented disco-dancer (alas, in the text the role loses its vibrancy towards the end), is realized by Daphna Rechter with the right degree of frantic flamboyance and eye-catching allure. The Ethiopian waitress, a gentle, hovering presence throughout, is played by Tammy Akalla with unassuming charm.

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The relationship between David (Brian Austin Green, above) and Donna is about to change.

## '90210' trauma

By DANKEL J. CHALFEN

**NESHIKA LADOD** LIVE FAT OF THE LAND SPACE JAM Tonight's episode of Beverly Hills 90210 (8:55, Channel COLLECTION 3) was cited by many US TV COLLECTION critics as the "episode that will WITHOUT YOU change American thinking" when BLOOD ON THE ... it was aired there almost two OK COMPUTER months ago. In this, the last episode in the current - and most necent - series, innocent, angelic **HOUSE OF AGNOSIA** Donna Martin (played by Tori Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week Spelling, daughter of producer

Aaron Spelling) loses her virginity to long-term, Jewish boyfriend David Silver (Brian Austin Green). It is the end of their college years, they are set to graduate, and Donna has decided that she is ready to take her relationship with David that one step further. She has seen her roommate Kelly's recent unwanted pregnancy and

other, she has brushed with Valerie's promiscuity and Steve and Clare's intensely tactile relationship, and has now decided she is ready to lose her virginity.

But over the years, through which Donna has turned down many sexual propositions on grounds of morality and Christian ethic, she has developed a following of fans, many of whom took vows of celibacy outside of marriage as a consequence. This concluding episode therefore came as a slap in the face for the anti-sexbefore-marriage movement which has been snapping up teenagers in schools and colleges across the US in recent years. Psychologists reported a considerable amount of patients, teenagers and some in

nized by the episode. They had created for themjealous of the after-dark hours selves a hero, based their lifestyles other couples spend with each on her, only to have their illusions

their early 20s, who were trauma

shattered," said a New York-born Israeli psychologist, "but it should not bappen here, where Beverly Hills itself has had less social impact and where value systems are less determined by TV heroes than in the US."

With the conclusion of this series, debate about whether we will ever again see the Beverly Hills cast in these roles is rife. There is speculation that an eighth series, Beverly Hills, the Married Years, is being planned. Jason Priestly, Brandon Walsh in the series, who is now one of the producers as well as an actor, is very keen to return. He has, however, stated that he would only do so if he is billed as executive producer. Jennie Garth, Kelly Taylor in the series, has made it clear, however that despite her current \$20,000 an episode payroll, she feels her

## **FESTIVAL ROUNDUP**

## Arad's spiritual' side

By AMY KLEIN

Tever has the maxim "You get out of something only what you put into it" been more true than at last week's three-day Arad music festival, where audience reactions matched the energy of the per-

Take Matti Caspi's understated stage presence. At a gig attended by a crowd that had more gray hair than not, Caspi didn't yell, dance, or cajole the crowd.

Typical, deadpan Caspi: aside from a terse explanation for his four-year furlough ("I had some things I needed to do I'm old did not be the control of th things I needed to do. I'm glad to be back") and a few sardonic comments, be sat still and played. A standing ovation marked his entrance and exit, but for the most part much of the crowd was talking without bothering to wbisper, walking around, at times singing along; bored and restless - especially during the

new songs. His voice as mellifluous as ever, Caspi sang his own songs as well as ones he wrote for other singers like Yehudit Ravitz and Riki Gal.

To see how a real star treats her audience, Rita's gig was the place to be. With a regal stage presence, the sexy, beautiful soprano danced, laughed and sang, bestowing upon the crowd of 1,400 a true show. Her changes of costume (a black, sultry number, a fun ruby flounce and a classy, cream-colored belly-baring gown) was nothing less than one would expect from her. Her husband Rami

Kleinstein is more like the boy next door. "Good morning!" he beams even though it's three in the morning on the concert stage set up below Masada. "Why are you all standing so far away?"
He looks to the guards, "Is there any reason they can't move up?
They'll be good, I promise."
In his first performance of eight months, Kleinstein, at the

piano under the starry sky, made you feel like you were in his living room. Cleverly, he introduced the songs from his new album in between his older hits such as "Apples and Dates" and Forever Young."

Someone who made full use of the dramatic Masada setting was David Broza, who also performed at three in the morning. During his all-Hebrew performance, different parts of the mountaintop were lit up in white or red, flame-like lighting. Broza spared us his usual 20-minute riffs and making love to his guitar. For three hours he treated the audience to one of his best performances, perhaps because he invited performers such as Ronit

Shahar to share the stage.
"Masada is very spiritual. I've performed all over the world, and no one can build a stage like this," Broza told The Jerusalem Post.

For teens the highlight of the festival was the thunderous night of hard rock, featuring Ice 9, The Jews, Roquefort, Barry Saharov and an electric Aviv Gefen. It was a freaks' field day: tongue rings, mohawks ("Statue of Liberty haircuts"), belly-necklaces, tattoos, chains, etc.

## A taste for the shtetl

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

The growing world-wide popularity of klezmer music was evidenced by the thousands of people wbo flocked to Safed last week for the 10th annual Klezmer Festival.

The crowds moving through Safed's winding alleys were fre-quently headed in the direction of the more authentic sounds, though many stopped to listen to Nunu, the six-member hazz klezmer band from Munich whose musicians are not Jewish but sing in Lithuanian-accented

Band leader and bass player Uwe Schwidewski doesn't see anything unusual about a German group adopting klezmer music. "Musical emotions are not exclusive," he says. "Music belongs to everyone -

heartening to Nunu was the pos-itive feedback from Orthodox audiences in Safed. Nunu has played before similar audiences in Europe, but the band members weren't quite sure of the reception they would receive in Israel. As it turned out, they were a real hit.

Avi Piamenta, the jazz musician and composer who is now a Habad hassid, played several gigs, but the busiest performer was storyteller Shaul Mayzlish, who moved from stage to stage with a comucopia of mostly hassidic parables.

He was at his best at the tish totally atmospheric heimishe reception on the patio of Habad House, where male guests rose from tables piled with herring, vodka to dance with wild abandon almost to a state of ecstasy as the rhythm of the music quickbut we have our own particular ened and spectators joined in by interpretation." What was most stamping their feet and clapping.

## IN TURE

## The muse from the mummy's tomb

Beverly Hills days are over and it

is time to move on.

By DAVID BRINN

then miscarriage, she has been

arl Wallinger under the moniker World Party is responsible for one of the best albums of the 1990s, as any of the few dozens of people who own it can attest.

> **EGYPTOLOGY** World Party INMC)

LISA STANFIELD Hed Artzij

**FURTHER** Geneva (NMC)

Goodbye Jumbo was chock full of clever, passionale pop with tinges of The Beatles, Sly & the Family Stone and Prince thrown

in for good measure. Wallinger, who originally played in The Waterboys back in the 1980s, holes himself up in his home studio and occasionally shares his muse with the rest of

Egyptology, his fourth release, a far cry from the fresh clarity of Goodbye Jumbo, still offers enough tunecraft and general oddness to make it a cut above the run of the mill.

Wallinger's musical sensibilities, like those of fellow British eccentrics Robyn Hitchcock and Nick Lowe, are derived from a hippie background funneled through alternative college radio.

What you're left with, especially on tracks like "It is Time" and 'Curse of the Mummy's Tomb," is happy-go-lucky sunshinefueled guitar pop with an underlying sense of populist activism.



Lisa Stansfield's voice is all funked up with nowhere to go.

Wallinger's knack for beautiful ballads holds up on "She's the One" and "This World," and if the overall songwriting level has

diminished in the seven years the humor she displayed in her since Goodbye Jumbo, then it's only because the expectations were so great.
It's still a keeper.

LISA Stansfield's fourth eponymous album is uptown blue-eyed r&b. A little too blue-eyed.

Stanfield's voice is an impressive instrument, but surrounded in middle-of-the-road arrangements and limp disco and funk backing tracks, it bas nowhere to

That voice doesn't get any help, either, from Stansfield's ordinary songs, which slip from memory like high beels on a waxed dance floor.

On a few ballads, she tries to enter Whitney Houston territory, but her attempts sound more like . rubber soul.

And she never shows flashes of

appearance a few years back at the Freddy Mercury tribute con-- cert in which she came out in curlers with a vacuum cleaner.

GENEVA is proof that a bad name doesn't necessarily mean a bad band. On the contrary, this debut from this Scottisb quintet is one of the better "Brit-guitar band" releases this year.

Geneva knows a good book when it hears one, and its sleek. if unimaginative, approach to the material exposes some fine songwriting talent. Chiming guitars compete with crystalline clear vocals, and the puncby rhythm takes care of the rest.

But there's nothing here that hasn't been done by Suede or Oasis, which had already been done by Bowie and The Kinks, which had already been....

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## DANCE ROUNDUP

## Viva España! Fancy footwork straight from Spain

By ORA BRAFMAN

SPANISH NATIONAL BALLET Tet Aviv Performing Arts Center, July 16

The Spanish National Ballet concocted a program that was intended to show the wide range of the Spanish dance language, a truly unique phenomenon in the West, whereby a codified-movement vocabulary is totally identified with a specific national culture. This enables one to travel easily from folk to court dance, shifting to dramatic and theatrical stage dance, and set-

tling at contemporary expressions that are still firmly within the national framework. Zapoteodo ("Stamping"), danced by Oscar Jimenez, brought some traditional light footwork. With his virtuoso performance, devoid of acrobatics, he contributed some of the more pleasing moments of the evening.

Communicating through change of inten-sity and frequency of rhythms is a Spanish speciality, vet Mariema's choreography in Donce and Rhythms concentrates on staying pretty. When it came to Gitanos y Bolcros "Gypsies and Dancers" the desired wild

streak was unfortunately missing. The second half of the evening inclined toward high drama with choreographer Jose Granero's Bolero and Medeo. His Bolero is pretty intensive but cannot compete with the ultimate, electrifying stage interpretation of Maurice Bejart. Although his Medeo was

more credible on the TAPA stage than at New York's City Center, it is too melodramatic. When Granero's Medea dances in an unbearably verbal way, splashed on the floor, tearing her heart and soul out, she is less impressive than in her duet with her husband, King Jason, which has the passion, pride and pain of a powerful love-hate deadlock at its deathly peak.

> **BATSHEVA ENSEMBLE** Suzzane Dellal, July 18

THE Batsheva Ensemble, the young company alongside Batsheva Dance Company, systematically supports new works by

Yossi Berg's first solo work, Architect, joins the Vain Ode by Lara Barsacq, veteran of the ensemble, and unveils a talented dancer-creator with a lot of promise. Although the world premier of 100 Movements by Canadian choreographer Lynda Gaudreau was intended to be the show's highlight Larmes blanches ("White Tears") by French choreographer Angelin Perlijocaj took center stage. It turned out to be the only work that is coherent in its visual images as well as in thought processes.

Perliocaj takes the time to establish a series of theme-movements that form a solid foundation for his artistic voice. His clear control of stagecraft is ever more convincing after seeing Barsacq's and Gaudrean's works, which are scholastic yet mechanical

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applying her scientific training to

new, "global" issues such as ter-

rorism and the environment. And

it has revamped its subsidized

magazine, Foreign Policy, to look

more like a literary magazine and

Over at the Brookings Institution,

new President, Miebael H.

Armacost feared that his organiza-

tion was too closely associated with

the Democratic Party and that peo-

ple were too busy to read its schol-

arly research. Armacost hired a cen-

trist Republican to direct foreign-

policy studies. He is known for his

quick mind and media savvy and

has become one of Washington's

'At the same time, Brookings is

paring down its list of fellows and

asking them to write shorter

research summaries, or "policy

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The appointments of Jessica T.

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Mathews, 51, as head of the

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Haass, 45, at Brookings, are part of

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With the Cold War over, think tanks opt for stringency, sound-bites and cyberspace look and new financial support. Ms. Mathews made her mark WASHINGTON - The staid community of Washington "think tanks" has been trying over the

as an innovator. A former Woshington Post columnist, she turned down a top job in the last year or so to find new ways to Clioton administration to become capture the attention of a post-Camegie's president. While she is Cold War America, realizing that well-grounded in traditional areas the only way they can change the and has served on the board of world is to get somebody to listen. both Carnegie and Brookings, her The Carnegie Endowment for appointment is emblematic of the International Peace has hired a new president who is known for

search for a more global rationale. "I don't think my appointment had symbolic value to the search committee," she said. "But it elearly does to others," who have sent her hundreds of letters.

In part, she said, it is "a sense that I don't have a traditional foreigo-policy background," with career-long efforts to integrate new themes such as the spread of nuclear weapons or human rights or the environment. And in part it is her ability, like Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's, to break gender ceilings.

The changes at Brookings, which also has major divisions in economie and governmental studies, are less striking and more traditional, For the last 18 months, Armacost has been engineering a quiet shake-up to make it more nonpartisan "in a way that shapes the public agenda and is useful to policy makers," he said.

"The public is looking for practical answers, not ideology," he

At a time when money for foreign policy is decreasing, whether Congress or among charitable foundations, there is a oew, com-

petitive concentration on salesmanship - getting the message pithy and quotable, for legislators

and a wider national audience. The paradox, as Haass sees it, is that "as the old paradigms are shifting and nothing has taken their place," the study of foreign policy by outsiders should be thriving. since government officials are generally too busy to think.

"But with the Cold War over. there's less urgency, and interest in foreign policy is smaller than it's been in the last 30 or 40

Ms. Mathews said the main difficulty for the policy research groups. a problem Albright also faces, is that "while there is general recognition that we're the indispensable nation, the question remains, 'Indispensable for what?' But the one-answer answer isn't working, and without one answer in a soundbite society, it's hard to articulate a rationale without the Cold War's military imperative," she said.

Starting as a science adviser to Congress with a Ph.D in molecular biology, Ms. Mathews became director of issues and research in Rep. Morris Udall's campaign for the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination, and then, at 30, created the Office of Global Issues in Zbigniew Brzezinski's National Security Council under president Jimmy Carter, where Armacost and Ms. Albright also served.

Her mother, the late historian Barbara Tuchman, pushed her to write - "she said it's a muscle you need," Ms. Mathews remembered,

"and a way to learn to write is through journalism."

After Carter's 1980 reelection defeat, she wrote editorials for The Woshington Post for three years, then helped found the World Resources Institute, one of the first research institutions to focus on the environment and government policy.

When she left 11 years later, its staff, which had grown from 3 to 110, taught her about institutionbuilding, fund-raising and promoting research that affects government policy.

She left to enter the the Clinton administration as deputy under secretary on global affairs, but quit in frustration after nine months. The size of the bureaucracy, its traditional training and emphasis on crisis management made it hard to concentrate on global issues.

"It's the difference between a chronic illness and a severe one, she said. "In government, you think it's all about the cables you read, and it's hard to see that things are happening that are beyond your control." Increasingly, she argues, key actors are nongovernmental agencies or citizens' groups such as Amnesty International and international institutions such as the World Bank or the United Nations.

Other institutions, such as the Heritage Foundation, continue to thrive on more ideological grounds. This use of ideas as weapons crafted for political wars by "combat intellectuals"- rather than "nonideological tools to be employed by policy makers regardless of their

political affiliation"- was the focus of a valedictory essay by Charles William Maynes, after 17 years of running Carnegie's Foreign Policy.

The magazine's first issue under a new editor, Moises Naim, has just appeared, with shorter articles, summaries of key articles in foreign and foreign-language journals, more reviews of books published abroad, a new web site, and

more photographs. While Carnegie has a large endowmeot, raising funds is increasingly important as some traditional givers have stopped financing foreign-policy projects. Ms. Mathews also wants to

address "this whole question of public attention to foreign policy, of which the shrinking pool of funds is a reflection." Polls show great public interest in foreign policy, "while there's a complete disconnect between the polls and Congress," which is more isolationist. "The problem is not the general public so much, but Congress," she said. "We have to really think about this."

Brookings is also thinking about where to downsize. On the Middle East or arms control, "a lot of the conceptual work has been done," Haass said. "It needs to be implemented, but that's insider work." He has encouraged some scholars to go into government or do field work to reenergize themselves, and

favors shorter-term appointments. "I see Brookings as a place where you spend part of a career," he said. "Maybe people shouldn't spend 40 years at a think tank."

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## US policy institutes redefine roles | Coney Island to get facelift By DOUGLAS MARTIN said she believed that the pro-

NEW YORK - Inspired by the success of efforts to redevetop Times Square, private investors and state officials are now turning their anention to another long-neglected part of New York City: Coney Island.

The efforts have gained new momentum in recent weeks because Bruce Ratner, a developer with a proven track record in several large projects, has shown interest in Coney Island. Ratner's most notable project so far is the Metrotech office complex, which has been credited with reviving downtown

Brooklyn. Coney Island, perhaps more than any other address in New York, most approaches the historical flamboyance and cachet of Times Square - and still retains a mythic reputation as a land of roller coasters, snake handlers and other amusements. But the reality is much grimmer: The amusement area has shrunk from 20 blocks in length in the 1940s to three blocks, and much of the land abandoned by

amusement attractions lies vacant. Ramer's proposal, which involves a private investment of \$100 million, is to link a new multiplex theater and virtual-reality amusement park with a decade-old plan for an amateur sports \ center that would

be built with IN THE BIG APPLE a business analymoney from state bonds.

For Ratner's proposal to go forward, he would have to acquire the land from the city, which now owns it. The plan must also pass environmental and zoning reviews, a process that could take several years. But state officials said they believed that Ratner's proposal complied with zoning rules for the Coney Island area.

Ratner has refused to comment publicly on his proposal, But Charles Gargano, the chairman of the Empire State Development Corp., a major player in Times Square, said that the state was committed to the redevelopment of the area and that Ratner's involvement was a major boost for these efforts. He added that he had spoken to other developers who he said also thought that such a Coney Island project would work, and that he and the governor had had "many discussions" recently about Coney Island.

"If we can rebuild 42nd Street, we can certainly rebuild Coney Island, Gargano said. "What it needs is some myestment." The current discussion is linked to the status of Sportsplex, a proposed 12,300scat indoor athletic center that would be in the old Steeplechase Park amusement area - once the centerpiece of Coney Island. Financing for Sportsplex is part of the current budget negotiations in Albany and would require \$75m. in boods from the state; the Legislature has failed to approve the proposal for the last two years. State officials say the Ratner project is based upon

the approval of Sportsplex. Gargano said the project's prospects were sweeter this year because of Ratner's proposal and because of several other developers' interest in commercial developments to accompany the arena.

Gargano pledged state help with transportation and other infrastructure improvements, as well as aid in acquiring private

He said Gov. George Pataki, who he said supports Sportsplex, is eager to prod development of Coney Island, regardless of whether Sportsplex goes ahead.

"Sportsplex would be a good part of it, but it doesn't have to be," Gargano said. "There wasn't one of those when Coney Island was booming."

Nevertheless, development efforts face many obstacles, not the least of which is that, unlike Times Square, Coney Island is far away from the main stomping grounds of tourists. Also, its main attraction in the early part of the century - the beach - is not the draw it once was, since automobiles have made places such as Jones Beach on Long Island and other spots easily accessible.

Furthermore, the current redevelopment efforts are predicated on a combined publicprivate effort, and the decadeslong effort to improve Times Square showed how difficult these efforts can be.

Caroline Quartararo, spokeswoman for Empire State Development Corp., the state economic development agency.

ject would pass environmental and zoning reviews, adding, "When the public sector gets involved, it reduces unnecessary roadblocks for the private sector." So far. only Ramer has put forth a concrere proposal. but other developers agree that the time may be right for a showy commercial development in Coney Island, particularly if it is accompanied by the sort of governmental aid Times Square received. There, the state spent \$75m., largely in condemnation proceedings, to stimulate St.6b. in private expenditures.

We believe it's a ripe area for development," said Philip Wolf, who is overseeing the building of Brooklyn's first new hotel in 50 years for the Muss Development Co. in the borough's downtown area.

Lewis Rudin, a leading realestate developer and chairman of the Association for a Bener New York, suggested that what he termed "a modem-day entertainment center" could redirect Brooklynites' recreational patterns. There are 2.4 million peo-

ple in Brooklyn, and they don't all go to Square." said. "They'll turn their cars

around and head south. The backers of Sportsplex asked Ratner to do

sis of the area around Sportsplex's hopeful site. Gargano had suggested that such an analysis was likely to make the project more attractive to the governor.

The developer returned with a full-scale development proposal, which foundation officials and their consultants say he has already submitted to the city.

The details of his proposal were contained in an economic analysis conducted by TAMS Consultants Inc. The proposal involves a more than 400,000square-foot entertainment and retail complex to stretch from 15th to 19th Streets. It would include the sort of electronic games now popular in Times Square, and it would partly sit on land presently occupied by the skeleton of the Thunderbolt roller coaster, which closed in 1983. It would generate more than 1,000 construction jobs and more than 300 permanent jobs, TAMS said.

Andrew Parker, a principal of the consulting firm, said his and Ratner's own analysis assumed no subsidies, other than being given vacant land owned by the city. TAMS calculated that the project would generate \$12.1m. in new annual tax revenues for the city and \$9.5m. for the state after subtracting \$4.8m. a year in debt

service on state-backed bonds. Ramer, a major contributor to Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, has also been involved in the redevelopment of the Times Square area and developed the Atlantic Center mall project in Bronklyn.

The Sportsplex project is a 262,000-square-foot facility where 12,300 speciators could watch basketball games, track meets and other indoor athletic

Backers say there are only 54 public gyms in Brooklyn, a borough that is home to an estimated 600.000 amateur athletes, some of whom practice track events in school hallways. In addition, there is no athletic venue in Brooklyn with more than St. Francis University's 1.800 seats.

Because there are so few venues between Madison Square Garden and small high school gyms, school officials said Sportsplex would attract athletes from beyond Brooklyn.

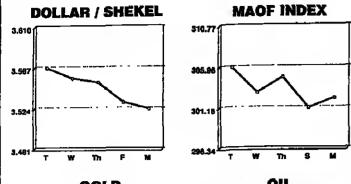
"We don't see it as a Brooklyn facility, we see it as a citywide said William facility," Thompson, president of the Board of Education, which has pledged to pay \$t for each student using Sportsplex. Brooklyn colleges have promised \$2 a user.

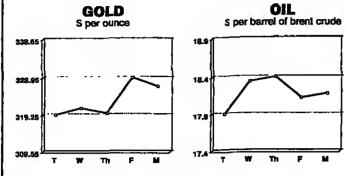
Sportsplex planners also hope to rent the center for events as varied as business conventions and ethnic festivals.

They have also discussed possible bookings with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, the Harlem Globetrotters and organizers of pro wrestling and tracror pulls and other events they see very much in the tradition of Coney Island's raucous show-business heritage. They calculate that rent from such events, expected to take up only 9 percent of Sportsplex's bookings, would more than cover the center's estimated \$2.5m. annual operating cost. (New York Times)

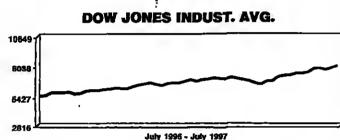
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### **NetGrocer to join on-line shopping business**

NetGrocer inc, was scheduled to launch an on-line shopping service yesterday that will deliver canned food, toilet paper, and other items for a modest charge in a hid to change the way many groceries are distributed.

The Web-based service has no membership fee, but will charge \$2.99 to deliver via Federal Express 10 pounds (3.7 kg.) of non-penshable products anywhere in the US. Each additional 10

pointds will cost another 99 cents.

We're targeting customers who want merchandise delivered to their homes without the hassle associated with supermarkets time spent on the trip, waiting in long lines and transporting

heavy bags of groceries," company president Daniel Nissan said.

NetGrocer will buy its products from manufacturers and resell them to shoppers on-line. AMR Corp.'s American Airlines distribution services unit will handle product selection and warehousing.

## Ne'eman unveils NIS 800m. extra budget cut tonight

Defense and health ministers demanding NIS 1b.-plus increase

### By DAYID HARRIS

Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman will present the Treasury's proposal for an NIS 800 million supplementary budget cut at a special cabinet ses-

It is still unclear whether there will be majority support for the plan, with several ministers still strongly opposed to the cuts. Among these are Defense Minister Yitzbak Mordechai, Education Minister Zevulun Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, Lahor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, Interior Minister Eli Suissa, and Transport Minister

Meanwhile, in separate meet-

the 1998 budget. Mordechai demanded an NIS 1.5 hillion increase and Matza another NIS 1.3b., according to a senior Finance Ministry source.
Of the NIS 800m. cut propos-

al, NIS 600m. are specifically targeted at reducing the goveroment's burgeoning budget deficit, the remaining NIS 200m. are split between NIS 180m. in US aid that will he transferred from Israel to Jordan and NIS 20m. that will fund the replenishment of the country's gas-mask supply.
The key NIS 600m. cut is

aimed at reducing the domestic hudget deficit to 2.2 percent of the gross domestic product or

the target figure of NIS 7.909h.,

according to the Treasury.

We decided not to cut more because NIS 600m. will bring us close to our target, we are in the middle of or even approaching the end of the year, and we didn't want to exacerbate the slowdown which a larger cut may have done," the Treasury source said.

Among the Treasury considerations in compiling the cut proposals were estimates that there will be an NIS 5b. to NIS 5.5b. shortfall in revenues and an NIS 4b. to NIS 5h. underspend in government expenditure. The revenues' shortfall includes NIS

ings with Mordechai and Matza, NIS 7.2b. Before the cut, the Ne'eman held his first talks on domestic deficit is riding at ments and NIS 1b. from income domestic deficit is riding at ments and NIS 1b. from income some NIS 1b. to NIS 2b. above and other direct taxes. The govand other direct taxes. The govand other direct taxes are not some NIS ernment underspent some NIS 3b. in public sector salaries because of the relatively low inflation rate and NIS 1b. on

mortgages.

The upshot of this and the NIS 600m. cut, together with the US aid expected in the last quarter, could be that the government meets its overall NIS 9.744b. budget deficit target, or even improves on it, according to the Treasury source.
The NIS 600m. cut comprises

an across-the-board 0.9% in all ministries other than Defense and Health, where the cut will be 0.6%.

The additional NIS 200m. cut

will be levied at 0.26% in all ministries.

Each ministry will have to decide by Thursday where to make the cuts. The Treasury will then suggest any changes before the proposals are presented to: the Knesset Finance Committee for approval.

The Treasury pointed out yes-terday that closing all the minis-terial offices in Tel Aviv would immediately save NIS 10m.

Aside from reducing the 1997 hudget deficit, the cut means, next year's budget base will be lower hy NIS 600m.

Assuming the cahinet reaches agreement tonight, attention will Sunday in the first of three cabi-net debates. turn to the 1998 bndget on

Two traders talk on the floor of the German bourse in Frankfurt yesterday. Bourse trading was interrupted for about 90 minutes due to technical difficulties but the DAX index later fell 88.13 points to 4,108.40 points.

## Magic to launch cutback plan

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Magic Software Enterprises will undergo a restructuring program, including a "significant" reduction of locally based international marketing activities and the moving of one of the top three senior executive positions to the US, spokesman Ilan

Vagenshtein said yesterday.
The developer of software tools is

moving six marketing positions to the US and has given locally based employees the option to relocate. Over the past few quarters, the

company has not achieved its sales targets for the US, forcing it to rethink its strategic approach to the

While Magic's US-based head-quarters are in California, most of the company's clients are on the East Coast, making it difficult to achieve sales targets. "For these kinds of sales you need face-to-face contact." said Abe Finkelstein, an analyst at Josepthal, Lyon & Ross in Washington, DC.

operations.

Based in Herzliya, Magic's tools are used by programmers to develop software applications without having to write the lines of computer code required in conventional programming. Half the company's 300 employees are based in Israel.

thanket with the greatest potential.

## **Currency liberalization**

"Magic realized that in order to tions and foreign pensions may invest them abroad, the Bank of sell in the States, senior management has to be in the US," Vagenshtein said. The company will also make changes in the structure of its US Israel announced yesterday.

The changes are a part of the

liberalization. By this time next year, this policy will mean virtualall restrictions will have been

sures includes:

reparations from Germany or foreign pensions may now invest them in foreign bank accounts. This relaxation is not being

provident funds and mutual funds) may use the services of a foreign hroker to oversee financial transactions overseas. Until now such deals only have been permissible via a domestic commercial bank.

· The limit on provident fund investments abroad has been raised from two percent of their

cialize in foreign investments may now place up to 50% of their assets abroad, as opposed to the 10% permissible to date. This brings these funds in line with their specialist equivalents.

 Israeli companies now may hold foreign securities and currency received for exports in overseas banks worth 15% of total sales or 25% of paid-up capital, whichever is the larger sum. This replaces the previous sums of 5% of sales and 10% of capital.

 Israelis may now deal in futures abroad for any purpose. Companies (excluding insurers) are permitted to do this via a foreign broker. Until now companies could only trade in futures to hedge risks stemming from import and export deals, and deposits, loans, and possessions of foreign

## IAI in \$120m. bid to sell satellite to Vietnam

By STEVE RODAN

Israel Aircraft Industries is compening with five foreign companies to supply a communications satellite to Vietnam, officials and indus try sources said yesterday.

The contacts, they said, bega

more than a year ago during the visit of IAI executives to Vietnam and intensified during the June 12-16 visit to that country by Communications Minister Limor Livnat A decision on the satellite purchase is expected by the end of the year. Vietnam wants the satellite delivered by 1999.

"Vietnam is now in the stage of a feasibility study," an IAI executive said. "They are looking for what suits their needs best. Meanwhile, we are maintaining contact."

Industry sources said the other companies competing to supply With a communications satellite are Hughes Space and Communications International Inc. Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space. and Loral Space Systems, all of the US; and Matra Marconi Space and

Alcatel, both of France. An IAI executive said his company is offering the Amos HP [high power] satellite, estimated to cost between \$120 million and \$130m. The Amos HP is a smaller satellite than any of the other competitors, with the exception of the HS-376 offered by Hughes, the executive said. The Hughes satellite is estimated to cost \$250 million.

"I am sure that they will choose a small satellite," the IAI executive said. They have asked us for a comprehensive proposal."

The industry sources said IAI's chief competitor appears to the Hughes HP-376. They said Israeli executives have presented data that show that the Amos HP is more powerful than the Hughes system.

The sources said the key to winning the Vietnam contract depends on whether that country will decide to buy a small and inexpensive satellite. The minute they decide to go to a bigger satellite, Israel is out of the picture," an industry source said.

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## measures take effect this week

## By DAVID HARRIS

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This, together with a series of other currency liberalization measures, came into force this week. following an agreement on the package between the central bank, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and former finance minister Dan Meridor.

Other relaxations of currency controls include raising the limit on provident fund investments abroad, permitting the use of a foreign broker for international investments, and increasing the amount transferable to Israelis abroad and foreigners.

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lifted, the central bank says. The detailed list of new mea-

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Ben-Gurion traffic rises

## 13% during May-June

As foreign tourists continue to stay away in droves, Israelis are travelling abroad in ever-increasing numbers. Civil Aviation Administration figures show an increase of 13 percent in the

By HAIM SHAPIRO

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number of mostly local passengers going through Ben-Gurion Airport during May and June. "The increase in May and June

is almost certainly that of Israelis going abroad and not tourists." said Avi Rosental, director of the Hotel Association. "During the first half of 1997, there was a drop of 13 percent in the number of tourists coming to Israel."

The figures are especially significant in light of the fact that airlines which specialize in carrying Israelis abroad showed the largest gains. Turkish Airlines, whose pas-

senger load consists almost exclusively of Israelis vacationing in Turkey, led the foreign airlines in the number of passengers with 53,334, an increase of 20 percent over the same period last

In second place was Lufthansa, with 44,539, 16 percent more than during May and June of 1996. Lufthansa spokesman Yitzhak Zaroni, said that during the first half of 1997, there was a drop of 25 percent in the number of German tourists coming to Israel, while at the same time, the airline reported an increase of 12.2 percent in the number of passengers during the first six months of the year.

El Al and its subsidiary, Sundor, carried 471,131 passengers during the two-month period and showed a 14 percent jump in the number of passengers carried. Company spokesman Nachman Kleiman said that the number represented. for the most part, Israelis travel-ling abroad, although it did include some tour groups. The increase in the number of Israelis flying El Al abroad came as a welcome surprise to the company, which had looked forward to a bleak summer season.

Even more impressive was the performance of Arkia, which showed a 21 percent jump in the number of passengers carried in comparison with the same two months of 1996.

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By ALICE HUNG

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puny T\$4.2b. (\$151m.) in 1994.

Chao Hsiao-feng, chairman of the

"This is a young market with

unlimited upside potential." Chao

told Reuters in a recent interview.

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Asia is looking to Taiwan for a Nasdaq exchange of its own Chao said that such potential, lies named in the island's hundreds, make the OTC market the cradle of TAIPEI - Taiwan's fledgling perhaps thousands, of promising but over-the-counter stock market has little-known electronics firms - the big ambitions - it looks to the hottest sector in Taiwan's economy.

Nasdag as a role model and hopes As the government vows to turn someday to surpass the giant high-Taiwan into a "rechnology island," the OTC aims to become a Nasdaq-Given the securities exchange's style exchange that actively fosters futuristic high-technology developblazing growth in recent years, the goal is oot completely out of reach. Before the OTC exchange inau-

Fewer than one-third of OTClisted firms now are in the electronics business, but Chao is confident that high-tech listings will expand rapidly.

By the end of

1997, around 150 firms - many in the electronics sector - will be traded in the OTC. with a further 110 firms being

screened for listings, he added. "Our people make door-to-door calls to small and medium companies, especially high-technology ones, around the island to encourage their interest in listing on the OTC," Chao said.

July. OTC market capitalization has "Maybe one day what now is a soared to T\$270b. (\$9.68b.) from a little-known small company will grow and prosper in the OTC mar-"I believe such stunning growth is second to none in the world. The ket - just like Microsoft did in the Nasdaq," Chao said. record is upprecedented," says

"One day, we hope our exchange can surpass Nasdaq," said Allan Huang, fund manager for Taiwan's first OTC-only closed-end fund. Huang believes the exchange is heading in the right direction.

Taiwan's high-technology firms," said Huang, of Taiwan's Foremost

Investment Services. "In the future, electronics will be the dominant sector in the OTC market, replacing securioes and banking shares. Once this becomes the case, it will significantly boost the interest of foreign investors," Huang said.

Until now, foreign investors have shown limited interest in Taiwan's junior market, seeo by foreign fund

managers as lacking the crit-TRADING FLOORS ical mass of Taiwan's big exchange - and therefore vulnerable manipulation.

Analysts estimale that the OTC exchange has altracted less than four percent, or about T\$10b. (\$358m.), of foreigners' total Taiwan stock investments. "Illiquidity has been a main concem," said Oliver Fang, head of institutional sales at National

"Professional foreign institutions normally have a standard evaluadon formula to help them make investment decisions. When they apply the formula to companies in Taiwan's OTC, not many qualify," Fang said. "Many are too small and can be manipulated easily."

Companies that are capitalized at as little as T\$50m. (\$1.79m.) and "We think it's the right approach show even modest profitability are

eligible to apply for OTC listing. By contrast, the main stock exchange requires capitalization of T\$200m. (\$7.17m.) for main-board high-tech shares ond T\$300m. (\$10.75m\_) for others.

Chairman Chao counters that small firms, too, can have sound financials and says his exchange uses strici criteria to ensure no laggards qualify. What's more, he said, small companies have far greater potential to graw compared

to big firms. "We believe a company's performance depends not on its size, but on whether its structure is healthy and solid," he said.

In the OTC's brief history, only one company, Cheng-I Food, was forced to suspend trading due to financial difficulties.

"Cheng-I was a rare case," Chao

Rules enacted in July allow the market to downgrade troubled firms before delisting them, mollifying critics who had said its old. instant-delisting rule was unfair to investors and a barrier to healthy development.

Huang of Foremost said he expected more institutional investors - foreign and domestic alike - to participate in the OTC to tap the market's rapid expan-

"With market scale expanding and liquidity increasing, the long-term profit outlook in the OTC market is very, very promising, Huang said.

(Reuters Business News)

### MOTORING

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## Model obsession

A local collector confesses to his love affair with scale-sized autos

By JOEL GORDIN

ast week, Kobi Warshai of Tel Aviv, purchased a brandnew BMW.

For many months he had been undecided about whether to get the BMW, a Ford Mustang or a Volvo, but in the end he chose the BMW because, "its finish is better." He proudly brought his new car home to show his wife and three children. Then he carefully wiped it down and placed it to his display cabinet, aloogside the rest of his collection of 1.500 model automobiles.

Warshai, 47, is one of the counmodel automobiles. He is the chairman of the Israel Model Automobile Collectors Club - a body that received a boost in recent years from the aliya from the former Soviet Union.

Warshai and his fellow collectors are not simply Peter Pan-like schoolboys who never grew up. There are tremendous investment possibilities for the wise collector of model automobiles. Some models increase in value in the same way as rare paintings. For example, a Briosh-made "Dinky Toy" model of a vehicle from the 1940s or 1950s could be purchased in those days for a few shillings (less than a dollar). Today the same model in good condition can fetch more than \$1,000.

Warshai was born in Tel Aviv in 1950 into what he calls a bourgeoisie family. He still runs his family suncase shop in the city center. "As a boy I was always receiving gifts of model automobiles from family and friends." Warshai remembers. "Some children are natural collectors, and I built up a huge collection of model cars, many of them original Dinky and Matchbox

toys that flooded the country as a Russian aliya in 1991-92, I started result of the Briosh influence. If I had kept my original collection I would be a wealthy man today.

However, most of it disappeared. when I went to the army, moved houses and married. I also developed a new hobby, building model aircraft.

About 15 years ago, my eldest son become interested in building aircraft, and a child psychologist told me it would not be good for me to compete with my son. I looked for a new hobby, and I returned to collecting model automobiles."

At that time, recalls Warshai, there re very few genuine models catalogs to the world-famous companies - Corgi and Matchbox of the UK (Dinky by this time had closed down), Burago and Rio of Italy, Shabak and Gama and Schuco of Germany. He soon discovered that that the fleets of each company were so vast he should specialize in one field. He chose buses, and today he has one of the finest collections of scale-model buses in the world, valued at more than \$50,000.

"There are collectors who specialize in racing cars, in cabs, in American-made 1950s cars, in Volkswagen Beetles and in Ferraris," he explains. "I concentrate on buses, although I do often buy other vehicles, bence my

recent purchase of the BMW." Warshai's bus collection includes not only London double-deckers and US school buses, but 1940s and 1950s Egged buses produced by the now defunct Gamda toy company at Kibbutz Beit Hanassi in the Upper Galilee. He also has a number of Russian buses that he claims are extremely well-made vehicles. "Soon after the major influx of the

inspecting the wares at street markets, and I found some terrific scale models of all types that the olim had brought with them. Apparently the hobby was highly developed in the former Soviet Union.

"At that time, says Warshai, "there were only about 20 serious local collectors, and we had formed a rudimentary, makeshift club. At any rate, I advertised in the local Russian-language press and attracted about 60 former residents of the USSR to a meeting. We formed the Israel Model Automobile Collectors Club."

The club meets once a month the country, only toys. He wrote for and the members exchange information and catalogs and bring models to swap, "just like eager schoolboys in a playground," according to Warshai. Most importantly, the club can order in bulk from the world's model manufacturers and thus obtain better prices and service. The former Russian collectors are in heaven in Israel," says Warshai. "In their old country. they were confined to collecting Russian-made models. Now, they have the run of all the major 400 companies, which make top-quality scale models of vehicles ranging from ambulances to tanks to commercial trucks to motor scooters."

> How can would-be collectors tell the difference between o toy and a genuine scale model? First of all, says Warshai, by the name of the company. The most famous maker of scale-model cars was the UK's Dinky, which started production in 1937 and closed down about 20 years later. At least six Chinese- and Hong Kong-based firms are now called "Dinky" and one should beware of imitations. warns Warshai. In the meanome,

Dinky's place at the top has been overtaken by Italy's Burago, Japan's Kyosho, Italy's Rio and many others. The Israel Model Automobile Collectors Club can supply lists of the top manufactur-

The best buys, says Warshai, are the so-called "limited editioo" models that have a certificate of authenticity in the box. The most popular and sought-after scale is 1:43. Warshai emphasizes the importance of keeping models in good condition. "A small scratch can make the

difference between a few hundred dollars when it comes to selling the model." If possible, cononues Warshai, the model should be kept either in its original box or else in a protected display cabinet.

A spin-off industry of display cabinets for model cars has developed, and these accessories are advertised in magazines and catalogs. Even if the cars are taken out of the packing, the original boxes should be preserved, says Warshai. This adds to the car's value."

Warshai concludes: "Even though collecting model cars is a secure investment, the majority of collectors indulge in the hobby for fun and not for money.

"Some adult collectors may feel slightly embarrassed about their hobby. The importance of belonging to a club is that you realize that you are not a freak or an overgrown child. There are about fourmillion serious collectors throughout the world."

He adds with a grin, "Model-auto collecting is a respected part of the motoring culture. In Israel, at least, it is safer than actually driving." Warshai can be contacted at

tive design. The front grille,

honeycombed with boles,

resembles a gigantic,

aluminum piece of

Swiss cheese. The

headlamps are small

and round, like those

on UK-made sports cars of the '60s.

The rear lights are

also ultra-trendy. Regardless of its

appearance or driving

performance, the Corolla

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## BY GREER FAY CASHMAN

= ♦ PEOPLE ♦ ===



Businessman and community leader Isi Leibler (above), who after last week's Maccabiah tragedy loomed tall as Australian Jewry's chief spokesperson. has sold his multimillion-dollar Jetset Travel network Io New Zealand Air. This will leave him free to spend most of his time in Israel, Leibler said in Jerusalem last week. Leibler, who is chairman of the Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress and past presidens of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, plans to spend at least nine months a year in Israel and will devote himself primarily to educational endeavors. An ardent advocate for Jewish education, Leibler is one of the prime investors in Judaica Multimedia Israel Ltd., which has produced the CD-Rom edition of the Encyclopedia Judaica.

Oin Ke Chen will serve as the bureau chief in Israel for the prestigious Chinese daily Guang Ming, which is the first Chinese newspaper to be represented here. Xinhua, the Chinese news agency, has been operating locally for over a year, and there is talk that Chinese Radio will also open an office in Israel.

Veteran texole manufacturer Yair Rotlevi, 63, has been elected chairman of the Textile and Fashion

division of the Israel Manufacturers Association (IMA). He replaces Dedi Lederman, who has completed a two-year term. Rotlevi is the managing director and chairman of the board of Lodzia Rotex and chairman of the board of Argaman Industries. In the past, he served as chairman of the board of the Postal Authority and as a member of the Tel Aviv Municipal Council, where he chaired the economics committee. At the IMA, he headed the economics and taxes committee and chaired the supervisory

Moshe Baksi, 28, has been appointed professional manager of Soper-Push, a company that focuses on marketing campaigns and sales promotions through special events. He previously worked in the Tel Aviv Municipality's events department.

Raphael Cohen is the new head of the Interior Ministry's Population Administration, replacing Yosef Tuv, who has retired after 47 years as a civil servant. Cohen previously served as a senior advisor to the Interior Minister, Tuy, who joined the Ministry on July 1, 1949, started as an information clerk and worked his way up to senior positions. In 1967, he headed the move to provide ID cards for the residents of East Jerusalem. He also opened the first population administration office in Judea and Samaria. At the changing of the guard ceremony, Interior Minister Eli Suissa lauded Tuv's lasting contributions to the way in which the administration

The Bank of Israel has announced that Danny Yariv, deputy manager of the bank's monetary department, bas been appointed the Israel representative on the team that is establishing a regional

David Blumberg bas succeeded Ya'acov Lifshitz as chairman of the Israel Foreign Trade Risk Insurance Corporation. Lifshitz, 52, who holds a business management degree from the Hebrew University, has held several senior posidons in banking and finance organizations. He is currently chairman of the board of directors and chairman of the management committee of the Bank of Jerusalem. Blumberg's previous appointments have included general manager of Bank Mizrahi, general manager of Bank Tefahot and a member of the advisory committee to the Bank of Israel. He also sits on the governiog boards of several public institutions and institutions of higher learning.

## --- ♦ OBITUARY ♦ ==

International business tycoon and philanthropist Jack Liberman, who bad major investments in Israel, died last week at the age of 74 in Melboume, Australia, where he had consistently been listed among the wealthiest 200 people oo the island cootinent. Liberman suffered from Alzheimer's disease for the past four years. Bom in Poland, Liberman and his family fled to Russia during World War II, and in 1948, migrated to Australia, where he initially dealt in scrap metal. As his fortune grew, he began investing in textiles, food and real estate. His sons Boris and Leon later joined him in the business. In 1992, Leon, his wife, Lee, and their three children moved 10 Jaffa to oversee the family's Israeli interests which included Paz Petrochemicals. A year later, on a visit back to Australia, where he was being treated for heart trouble, Leon collapsed and died at age 45. The Liberman empire, comprised of huge real-estate holdings, supermarkets, pharmaceuocals, bakeries and car-import agencies, extended from Australia to Europe, Israel and the US.



THE CONFERENCE CIRCUIT ◆ ==

BY GREER FAY CASHMAN

28.7 The Third Inter-national Conference on Jewish Onomastics (the study of names) will open at Bar-Ilan University on July 28 and on July 30 will join forces with the 12th World Congress of Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University, Mount Scopus. Conference speakers will discuss the preservation and changes of Jewish names from antiquity till the present in Israel and the lands of Jewish dispersion.

28.7 How individual compa-nies will be affected by policy changes on the rate of exchange and the liberalization of foreign-currency regulations will be the subject of a conference organized by the Israel Manufacturers Association, the Israel Export Institute and the First International Bank. The venue is the Moshevitz Hall at IMA headquarters, 16th floor, Industry House, 29 Hamered Street, Tel Aviv. To register, call (03) 514-2808.

31.7 The New Reality of Palestinian-Israeli Relations will be discussed at a late-afternoon seminar coordinated by the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies and the Israel Friends of the Tel Aviv University. The event will be held in the Cohen-Porter Building on the TAU campus. Speakers include Dr. Mark Heller, senior Jaffee researcher, Dr. Khalid Shikaki, director of the Center for Palestinian Research and Studies, Nablus; Mai. Gen. (res.) Dan Rothchild, former coordinator of the Government's Acovities in the Territories and Yechiel Leiter, execuove director of the Yesha Council's Foreign Desk.

State Comptroller

31.7 State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat will open the Jewish Law Seminar on Creating Wealth, which is being held at the Holyland Hotel, Jerusalem. The three-day semioar, under the aegis of the Justice Ministry, will focus on reclaiming debts and the haves and have nots of assuming a friend's debts. Speakers will include retired Supreme Court judges Dov Levin and Zvi Tal; Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University; Prof. Menahem Ben-Sasson, rector of the Hebrew University; Prof. Nahum Rackover, deputy legal advisor to the government; Judge Gershon Gorman; attorney Aviad Hacohen and MK Shaul Yahalom, chairman of the Knesset's Law and Constitution Committee. To register, call (02) 670-8552.

31.7 The Founding of the The Founding Center for Middle East Competitive Strategy, organized in conjunction with the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Israel Manufacturers Association, will take place at the Dan Panorama Convention Center, Tel Aviv, in the presence of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Participants will include Minister of Industry and Trade Natan Sbaransky, Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, IMA President Dan Propper, Palestinian Authority Planning Minister Nabil Shaath and CMECS President Dr. Yigal Weinberg. The conference will focus on a competiove strategy for Israeli and Middle East industry. To register, call (03) 510-4441.

31.7 Liberalization in Foreign Currency and the Changing Exchange Rate is the topic of a yet another conference, this one sponsored by Ma'ariv Congresses at Gan Oranim. Senior banking and investment managers will be among the speakers.

25.9 Medpartenariat, the annual business partnership conference to encourage joiot ventures and partnerships between medical product companies in Europe and the Middle East, will take place in Tunis this year. Some 300 Tunisian companies, plus 800 companies from some 25 other countries, are expected to participate in the twoday conference. Representatives of Israeli companies who wish to attend should contact Mickey Admon at the Israel Export Institute, (03) 514-2809.

## Streets ahead of the competition keeps plogging away to acquire a more

Gear recently held a nationwide survey in The 1998 Corolla that went into the UK to determine the "best automobile local showrooms last week has buy of the year." The survey was held among been given a stylish, innovathe general population, not among the magazine's readers, In other words, the voters were "99 percent the want to get safely from A to B and one percent driving fans," according to the program's prejovial Jeremy Clarkson. CORULLA Toyota Corolla won the poll streets ahead of the opposition. This did not surprise any-

one - in most countries. by Mr. and Mrs. Average Motorist as much as Gear once pronounced it "about"

it is hated by mechanics for its reliability. Toyota first launched the Corolla in 1966. In more than 30 years, the Japanese company has churned out more than 23.5 million Corollas, making it the best-selling automo-

bile of all time. You can't please everybody, though, and the Corolla has acquired an image among the fastlane set for being "dull to drive." Even Top as exciting as an income tax form."

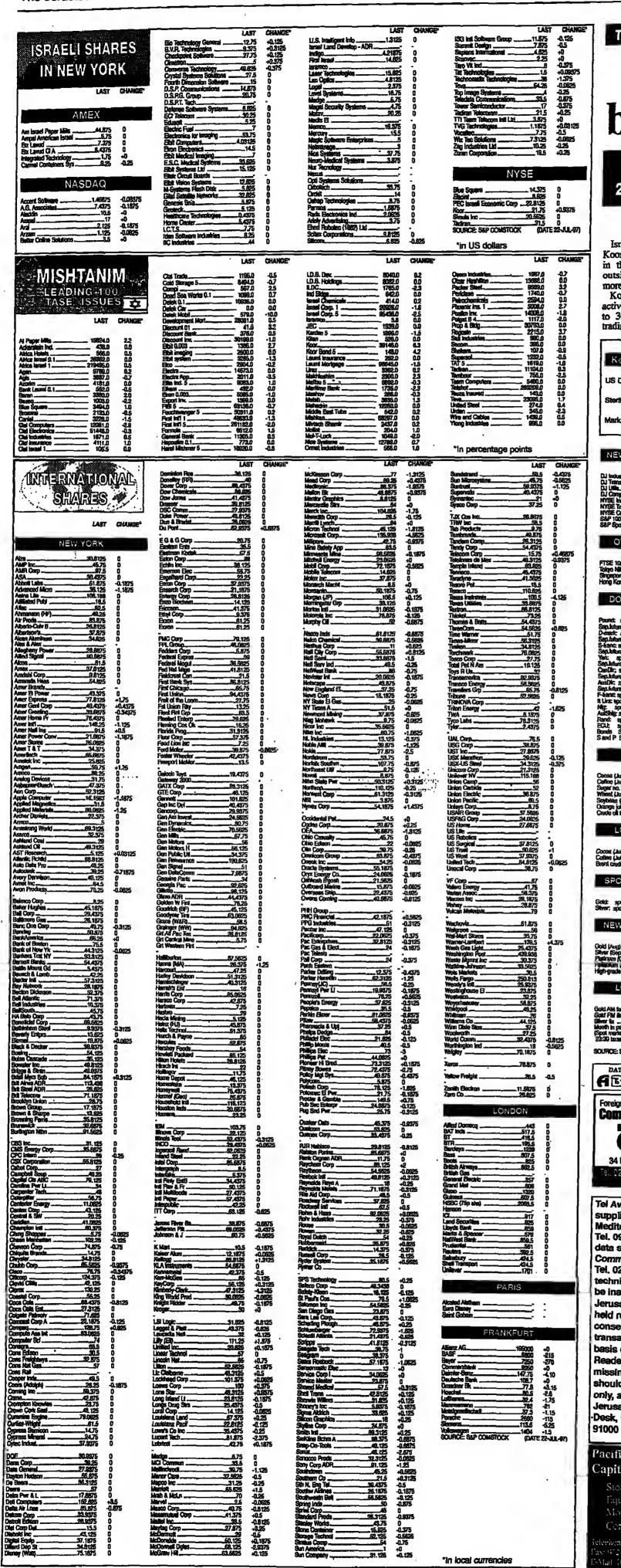
The people at Toyota are perfectionists and have made many attempts to get rid of their "duil" image. For example, souped-up Corollas have been entered in numerous rally and racing contests. The Corollas have done well in the contests, but the boring image endures, continually accentuated by the more red-blooded motoring magazines. Nevertheless, Toyota

has never been a bestselling car io Israel becaose, in our price-conscious market, it is priced above similar Japanese-made 1,600cc family cars. The new Corolla is no exception: the versions available range from a four-door, manual-shift salon costing NIS 83,900 to a fivedoor automatic-shift station wagon at NIS 99,000. All models bave the 1,597cc, 111 horsepower engine of the old Corolla. Two

front airbags and ABS brakes are standard

equipment on all models.

Drive carefully! arrive safely!



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## Stocks rise, boosted by reports of Koor trades

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By ROBERT DANIEL

Israeli stock indexes rose, led by Koor Industries Ltd., after shares in the holding company traded outside the stock exchange at more than its current price.

Koor shares were the most active issue, jumping 6.25 percent to 391.46 shekels (S111.08) OB trading of 26.9 million shekels.

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Also lifting the market were Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., up 1.75% to 230.95, and some of Israel's major chemicals produc-

Losing ground were Bezeq Ltd., the state-controlled telecommunications company, which is beset by a strike: Bank Leumi, and defense contractor Elbit Systems Ltd. Falling shares exceeded gaining issues 280 to 255 across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

"Koor is the reason the market rose today," said Ronen Cohen, analyst at Oscar Gruss & Son.

"The Koor deal is flooding opti-mism into the market," said Eli Nahum, head trader at Zannex Securities in Ramat Gan. "The. large transaction strengthens the focus on the Israeli market." Nahum also said that the strengthening of the shekel Friday - to

3.552 on Thursday - task investors' concern about inflation and higher interest rates. The shekel strengthened again today, to 3.524. The Maof Index of 2 most-traded issues rose 0.38% of 302.3. The Mishtanim Index of 100 issues added 0.29% to 295.48 Across the exchange, 149.3 mil lion shekels (\$42.4 million) of shares traded.

An unidentified foreign investor paid \$30 million for a 2% stake in Koor, Israel's largest holding coulpany, Israeli papers reported.

Koor Shares Pension funds of Bank Happalim Ltd. and Bank Leumi le- Israel Ltd. sold Kobr shares at 416 shekels (\$117.78 about 16% more than Thursday's closing price on the Tel Aviv Steck Exchange, the paper said: Investors are speculating that another transaction in Koor shales 3.532 against the U.S. dollar from was executed today, Nahum said.

## **WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP**

## FTSE declines sharply

LONDON (Renters) - Britain's FTSE 100 index suffered its second consecutive sharp decline yesterday as the latest Wall Street fitters sparked a round of profit-taking in leading British shares. The FISE 100 closed at 4,805.7, down 71.5 points, or 1.47 percent. FRANKFURT - A merger of two

of Germany's largest regional com-mercial banks failed to keep the 30share DAX index from tumbling about 2% in bourse trade as a longawaited wave of profit-taking hit the market. The DAX-30 index closed at 4,108.40, down 88.13 points, or 2.10%. In later screen-based trade,

the IBIS DAX index ended at 4,139.96, up 8.02 points, or 0.19%. TOKYO - The financial markets were closed yesterday for a national: holiday, they will reopen today. On Friday, the Nikkei 225 shed 269.93 points or 1.32% to finish at 20,249,32.

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HONG KONG - Stocks lost momentum in late afternoon trade to close marginally down, chiefly due to weakness in properties and conglomerates as well as banking giant HSBC Holdings, brokers said. The Hang Seng index closed at 15,536.30, down 34.10 points, or

## WALL STREET REPORT

## Dow closes higher after early loss

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Jones industrial average struggled higher yesterday, but stocks were mostly lower in nervous trading before today's congressional testimony by US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan.

The Dow gained about 16 points to 7,906 after crasing an early 50ter hit 8,000 for the first time last Wednesday, but then lost 150 points over the next two sessions.

Broad-market indicators slumped for the third consecutive session, led by the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index, which had set record highs for 10 consecutive sessions through Wednesday.

Few observers expected the market to see any decisive activity until after Greenspan delivers his semiannual report to the House of Representatives and the Senate on today and tomorrow.

Stocks and bonds tumbled after his last testimony in December, when he warned that higher interest rates may be needed to temper the inflationary impact of the market's "irrational

In earnings news Monday, AT and-T reported a 38 percent drop in second quarter profits, but the results tions. Boeing, however, reported a 15 percent drop in profits for the period, falling shy of analysts fore-

asts.
According to preliminary calculations; the Dow Jones industrial average rose 16.26 to 7.906.72

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by more than a 2-to-1 Exchange, with 958 up, 1,932 down and 522 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 459 49 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 585.61 million in the previous session.

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> HIGH KICKERS - The USA's George Weissfish (r) parties a kick from France's Michel Mallul in the heavyweight tackwando final. Weissfish took the gold.

## Aussie Glick tops Zimbabwe's Treger in bowls

By NORMAN SPIRO

In the men's singles 8-rounds lawn bowls round robin competition, Australia's Pene Glick won all his three games, although very narrowly (25-24), against Zimbabwe's Ruvyn Treger, collecting three shots on the last end for a thrilling finish.

South Africa's Dannie Keet and Okkie Fine

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Jeff Rabkin and George Kaminsky, the latter coming through to beat England's Bennie Wainstein 25-24, after trailing 16-5.

In the women's singles, Chaya Prager of Israel made a great stand winning all three

With three rounds completed in the men's fours, the only unbeaten side is Australia (Rod Davis), Mackie Glasser's South African team

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the last end. Raymond Sher's team (Israel) did well to win two games, losing one by one shot to Glasser.

In the women's fours, Molly Skudowitz (Israel) and Avis Lampert (South Africa) have each won one game and peeled one, while Australia's Denese Brick peeled both games, the last one with a last bowl against

## Today's Maccabiah schedule

Badminton Bet Dani: 14:00 finals.

Baskethall (men) Jerusalem, Malha: 19:00, 21:00 semifinals. Wingate: 17:00, 21:00 semifinals. Basketball (women) Wingate: 19:00 finals.

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Field Hockey - men Hadar Yosef: 09:00 Australia-Great Britain, 16:00 The Netherlands-Israel. Field bockey - women Hadar

Yosef: 07:30 Israel-S. Africa. Golf Caesarea: from 08:00. Handball Wingate: 20:00 finals. Mini Soccer Yad Eliyahu: 16:00 7th-8th place, 17:30 5th-6th place,

19:00 3rd-4th place, 20:30 finals.

Nethall Herzliya (Makif School): 18:00 3rd and 4th place, 19:30 finals.

Rugby Herzliya: 17:00 7th-8th place, 18:30 5th-6th place, 20:00 3rd-4th place, 21:00 finals. Soccer Bat Yam: 19:00 and

21:00 semifinals. Softball Kibutz Gezer: 15:00 Canada-Mexico final (first game of best-of-three); 18:00 bronze medal, Israel-USA; 21:00 final Squash Herzliya: from 09:00

semifinals. Swimming Tel Aviv University: from 19:00.

Table Tennis Ber Halohem: from 09:00 and from 15:45. Tennis from 09:00 quarterfinals (M/W), from 16:00 semifinals

(M/W), from 18:00 mixed pairs. Rishon Ten-Pin Bowling Lezion: 11:00 and 12:00. Volleyball (men) Kfar Sava

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### Jerusalem march to precede closing ceremony at Latrun

Five border policemen who excelled in the rescue operation of the Australian delegation under the collapsed bridge before the opening ceremooy will lead the Maccahiah delegations in Jerusalem on Thursday in a march, which will begin at 16:30 from Safra Square. Following this, the delegations will travel to Latrun for the closing ceremony which will begin at 20:30.

A website has been put up allowing members of the public to express their support for the Australian team. The address is http://www.atwww.com.au/maccahi. Already over 500 messages of support have been receivedso

### Youth soccer team leaves for Iceland

The national youth soccer team left for Iceland yesterday to compete in their first-ever European Championship finals.

In other oews, Buei Yehuda's Alon Mizrahi is in serious negotiations with Switzerland's FC Basel and Betar Jerusalem's David Amsalem has been in talks with Premier League side West Derek Fattal

SCOREBOARD Tour de France - Marco Pantani won the 15th stage yesterday. Germany's Jan Ullrich retains the

## Israel takes 6 taekwando golds

By JONATHAN TEPPERMAN

They might have been the heaviest hitters, but the heavyweight finalists failed to make much impact last night on the crowd gathered to Jerusalem's Malha Hall for the Maccabiah's first-ever tackwando competition.

Instead, the show was stolen by the female competitors fighting earlier in the day and by the demonstration events staged by the Israeli team. In fact, it was the Israelis who dominated the day-long journament from start to finish, winning 6 gold medals much to their own surprise.

According to Ky Tu, the Danish black-belt who has adopted the Israeli team and has become its coach, the most Israel had hoped for was four spots io the finals. But the Israetis, fighting on their home turf and watched over by an all-Israeli crew of referees and judges, simply overwhelmed the competition. Despite a strong showing by the Australian combatants, Israeli women took home four golds and their male counterparts two - a record so good that some of the other teams left grumbling about biased judging.

The much anticipated final event, the fight for heavyweight gold, came down to George Weissfish of the US and Michel Mallul of France. The larter - a World and Europe middleweight champion - was the clear favorite. Once on the mat, however, he found himself unable to penetrate the much greater reach of

To the crowd's disappointment, there was little contact throughout. The match amounted to nine lackluster minutes as the athletes cautiously circled each other. No blows were tanded during the first of three. three-minute rounds. During the second, however, Weissfish struck the Frenchman with a solid roundkick and repeated this feat in the third. Mallul managed to land a single cut-kick of his own, but earned a blow to the throat while trying to catch one of

Weissfish's legs.

By the end of the fight, the score was 2-1, but was lowered to 0-0 owing to penalties on both sides. After a lengthy conference, the judges picked Weissfish as a better all-around fighter and gave him the gold.

And so it was the earlier events which remained the

day's most dramatic. Especially popular was the demonstration staged by the Israeli exhibition team. As the theme from Rocky pumped over the loudspeakers, the Israelis performed a variety of stunts, including fight-acrobatics and the inevitable boardbreaking. For their finale, the Israeli coaches smashed random objects - including a huge ceramic urn and a beer bottle - on and with each other's bodies.

Speaking after the competition, Eui Yong Chung, Korea's ambassador to Israel, thanked the athletes and Israel for making the Korean national sport a part of the Maccabiah. He gave a special salute to the large Australian contingent, as did the other speakers throughout the awards ceremooy, and joined the crowd in a moment of silence.

## Goldberg siblings reach squash semis

By HEATHER CHAIT

Local players Ronen Goldberg and his sister Jackie reached the semifinals of the men and women's squash event yesterday, sport widely associated with Anglo-Saxons.

National champion Ronen beat Sean Mann (South Africa) 3-0 and Jackie beat Leanne Sher (US) 3-2

in their quarter-final matches. The other three names left in the men's open division are Daniel Ezra (UK) who put out Yair Feld 3-0, Grant Isaacs (SA) who defeated Saar Justman 3-2 and Amir Kivon who beat Isaac Rome

In the women's division, Lee Trevis ousted Dafna Wegner 3-1, Vivien Weiner (Australia) beat
Susan Green (US) 3-1 and
Jacqueline Vadja (Australia)
topped Ivy Pochoda (US) 3-1.
Yona Rachmanov is the only

local player to reach today's semis

in the men's seniors class. He beat top seed Gal Levran 3-0, Along with him are Jack Stein (SA) who triumphed over Derek Bass (UK) 3-2, Jeffrey Deitsch (US) who beat Richard Margolis (Australia) 3-0 and Martin Kemple (SA) who triumphed over Andrew Brog (US) 3-0.

Nadine Mizrahi is Rachmanov's counterpart in the women's seniors, after beating Denise McConie (Australia) 3-0. Other winners were Laima Feldman (Australia) against Susan Rose (US) 3-2, Elaine Smaller (Australia) who beat Debra Hodis (US) 3-0 and Jill Segal (US) who

beat Leslie Kimerling (US) 3-0. South Africa won the group event on Sunday beating Israel 2-1 in the final. Australia and England took third and fourth

places respectively. Today's semifinals begin at Herzliya at 9:00 with tomorrow's finals in Ra'anana, also at 9:00.

## Canada to face Mexico in softball finals

By ELI PINCHOVSKI and RICHARD DUFFY

Canada earned itself a place in the softball finals by beating the USA 7-1 at Kibbutz Gezer last

night.
The Canadians will now face Mexico in a best-of-three final

beginning today at 15:00. The game was scoreless until the fifth inning when Canada took the lead with a clutch hit by pinch hitter Steve Kushner,

scoring two runs. In the next frame, Canada exploded five more times featuring a bases-loaded triple by

Ricky Green. Canada's Mark Bendahan fanned time, giving up no

earned runs. The USA scored in the bottom of the sixth with a base hit plus an error.

Workhorse David Blackburn, took the loss for the USA.



LEADER OF THE PACK - Canada's David Nemirofsky scored a bat-trick in gold medal win

## Nemirofsky leads Canada past USA for ice hockey gold

By LIONEL GAFFEN

David Nemirofsky scored a hattrick as Canada beat the USA 6-1 in the ice bockey gold medal game at Metulla's Canada Center last

Nemirofsky, who plays for the NHL's Florida Panthers, scored the first, fifth and sixth goals of

Also scoring for the victors were Cory Pecker, Aaron Brand and Jamie Sokolski. Tallying the lone goal for the

USA was Brett Chodorow. In the bronze medal game last night, Anatoly Nayda scored the winning goal in sudden death overtime to give Ukraine a 9-8

win over Israel. Israel led for much of the game, but blew leads of 5-1 and 8-4.

The Ukrainian attack was led by Ramil Yuldashev who had six goats and three assists, including the tying tally to force the overtime.

Scoring for Israel were Oleg Zak (hat-trick), Max Bierbrier, Yaron Orgil, Eli Oosterhuis, Dima Putiloy and Lari Bloch.

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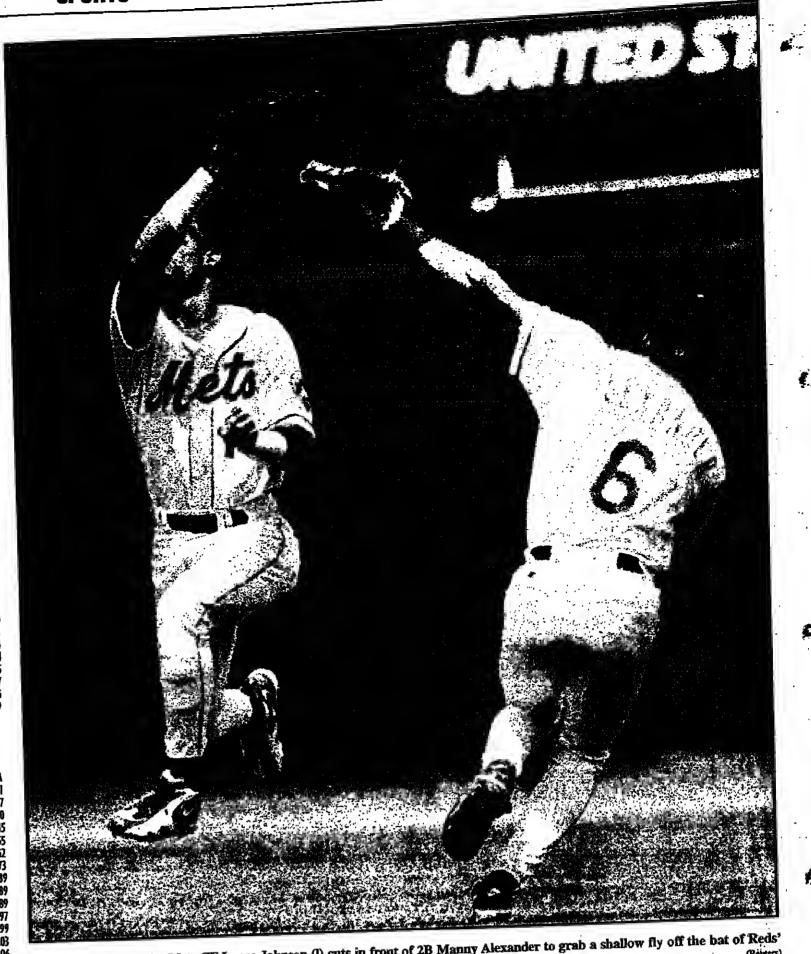
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CALLING HIM OFF - Mets CF Lance Johnson (I) cuts in front of 2B Manny Alexander to grab a Kent Mercker. New York won 10-1.

## Mets rout Reds behind Hundley's heroics

NEW YORK (AP) - Todd Hundley homered from both sides of the plate, going 4-for-4 and driving in five runs as the New York Mets routed the Cincinnati Reds 10-1 on Sunday.

Bernard Gilkey went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer, and Dave Mlicki (5-7) had the first two-hit game of his career and scored twice. New York wou its fourth straight and sent Cincinnati to its

third straight loss.
Hundley homered leading off the third against Kent Mercker (7-7). Hundley hit a three-run shot, his 22nd, in the sixth off Felix Rodriguez.

Astros 9, Expos 0 Luis Gonzalez homered twice, including his first career grand slam, and matched his career high with six RBIs as visiting Houston

completed a three-game sweep.
Darryl Kile (13-3) pitched a four-hitter for his fourth shutout this season, struck out six, walked one and lowered his ERA to 1.99. He also went 2-for-3 with a double at the plate.

Gonzalez hit a two-run homer io the sixth off Dustin Hermanson (4-5) and the grand slam off Omar Daal in the eighth as Houston won for the 10th time in 13 games. Dodgers 8, Braves 3

Chan Ho Park struck out a career-high 11 in 6% innings and singled home the go-ahead run as Los Angeles won on the road. Park (8-5), who has won three straight starts for the first time,

allowed six hits and walked two. Los Angeles is 13-4 in July and has won nine of its last 12 road games. John Smoltz (8-9), who has won only twice in 11 starts, gave up six runs - three earned - and 10 hits in

seven innings.
Phillies 4, Pirates 1 Midre Cummings, picked up on Baltimore lost for the 10th time in

waivers from Pittsburgh two w ago, hit a triple and double and scored twice for host Philadelphia. The Phillies, with the worst record in the majors at 29-66, are 5-5 since the All-Star break. Rockies 9, Cubs 5

Larry Walker homered twice to raise his league-leading total to 29 as visiting Colorado stopped an eight-game losing streak. Vinoy Castilla hit two solo

homers and Eric Young added another for the Rockies, who had lost 15 of their previous 16. Young broke a 5-all tie in the seventh with an RBI double off

Terry Adams (1-5). Walker, in an 0-14 slump, went 3-for-5, raising his average to 395, he hit two-run homers in the

fifth off Kevin Foster and in the

ointh off Mel Rojas. Foster

allowed four homers, raising his league-high total to 21. Giants 9, Cardinals 2 Barry Bonds hit his 24th homer, and Kirk Rueter (7-4) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings, striking out seven in 96-degree F

Stan Javier hit a three-run homer and newly acquired Brian Johnson drove in two runs as visiting San Francisco stopped a three-game losing streak. San Francisco had lost five in a row at Busch

Stadium, dating to last season. Padres 3, Marlins 0 Andy Ashby pitched seven shutout innings and Chris Gomez hit a two-run triple to lead San Diego to a road victory. Trevor

Tim Worrell and Hoffman completed the six-hitter. AMERICAN LEAGUE White Sox 10, Orioles 2

Cal Ripken was ejected for only

the third time in his career as host

Ripken was ejected by plate umpire Al Clark in the second for arguing a called third strike. Ripken's previous cjections, both for arguing a called strike in the first inning, occurred in 1987 and

Frank Thomas went 4-for-5 with a two-run homer and four RBIs, and Jaime Navarro (8-8) hlanked Baltimore until Tony Tarasco homered in the ninth, allowing nine hits.

Indians 7, Red Sox 2 Charles Nagy (10-6) gave up two runs and seven hits in seven innings as Indians manager Mike Hargrove got his 500th career victory. Host Cleveland stopped Bostoo's seasoo-high winning

streak at four. Hargrove, 500-418 (.545) since becoming Cleveland's manager in 1991, became the fourth active manager with 500 wins with his current club. The others are Bobby Cox of Atlanta, Cito Gaston of Toronto and Tom Kelly of Minnesota.

Twins 1, Athletics 0 Brad Radke (13-5) pitched a five-hitter to win his ninth consecutive start as visiting Minnesota won its fourth straight and completed a three-game sweep.

Radke, who hasn't lost since Jooe 2 at Texas, matched his career high with 10 strikeouts and walked none. It was Radke's second career shutout, the first since August 1995, against Texas.

Mariners 5, Royals 4 Jamie Moyer (10-3) won for the sixth time following a Seattle 3oss and Paul Sorrento homered, sending visiting Kansas City to its 17th loss in 19 games.

Moyer (10-3), who reached double digits in wins for the third time in his 11-year career, allowed four

runs and nine hits in 6% innings leaving after Chili Davis's three run homer in the seventh made it a one-run game.

Angels 9, Blue Jays 5 Chuck Finley (8-6) won his fifth straight start allowing five runs and nine hits in 6% innings and striking out eight as host Anaheim won for the 12th time in 13 games. Torooto lost manager Cito

Gaston and Joe Carter to ejections. Gaston was tossed for the first time this season in the third inning for arguing a call with first base umpire Mike Everitt, and Carter was thrown out in the seventh in a checked-swing dispute with plate umpire John Hirschbeck:

Brewers 6, Yankees 2 Hideki Irabu fizzled in his major league road debut as Milwaukee pounded the 28-year-old Japanese right-hander.

In a game broadcast across America and Japan, Irabu (2-1) was rocked for six earned runs on seven hits in 6% innings as the Brewers handed him his first major league loss and raised his ERA from 5.40 to 6.38.

Dave Nilsson homered, doubled and drove in three runs off Irabu, who was overshadowed by a solid outing from Milwaukee left-hander Scott Karl (4-10), who allowed eight hits in his first complete game of the season.

Sunday's NL results: Los Angeles 8, Adama 3, Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 1; NY 10, Cincinnati 1; Houston 9, Moureal 0; San Francisco 9, St. Louis 2; Colorado 9, Chicago 5; San Diego 3, Florida 0.

Sunday's AL results: Cleveland 7, Boston 2: Chicago; 10, Baltimore 2; Anaheim 9, Toronto 5; Minnesota 1. Oakland 0: Seattle 5, Kansas City 4; Milwaukee 6, NY 2; Texas 7, Detroit 6

## Fremantle Dockers upset Western Bulldogs

MELBOURNE (AP) - The Fremantle to 8.30 (58). Dockers, battling 10 other teams for middle-ofthe-table honors, upset the second-place Western Bulldogs by six points Sunday in an

Australian Rules football match. The Dockers, in 12th place but only four points out of third in the Australian Football League, beat the Bulldogs 15.7 (97) to 13.13 (91). In the only other AFL match Sunday, North

Melbourne had an easy time beating Melbourne 17.12 (114) to 7.16 (58). On Saturday, Port Adelaide kicked five of the first six goals to beat Collingwood 17.9 (111)

Sydney overcame a sluggish first half to overrun a depleted West Coast by 37 points. After trailing by seven points at halftime, the Swans kicked 10 goals to four in the second half to win 15.22 (112) to 11.9 (75) and extend their unbeaten home record to 19 matches.

Stefan Carey starred for the Swans with five

St. Kilda ruck rover Robert Harvey put in one of the best performances of his career to help his team thrash Hawthorn by 13 goals. The Saints star collected 40 possessions as St.

Kilda cruised to a 20.21 (141) to 9.8 (62) win. Geelong consolidated top place on the ladder by beating Richmond. The Cats trailed by 23 points at quarter-time after the Tigers pooted seven opening-term goals but then the trague leaders booted 13 goals to five to win comfort-

point win over Essendon, beating the Bembers

25.15 (165) to 13.9 (87).
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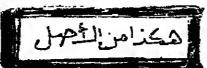
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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Tonight is the last chance for Haifa music-lovers to enjoy the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's stunning concert presentation of Puccini's Turandor under the baton of Zubin Mehta, with the superb choir of the Maggio Musicale from Florence. Audrey Sottler is the ice princess and Gegam Gregorian is the prince who solves her riddles. 8:30 at the Haifa Auditorium. The show moves to the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv tomorrow until July 29.

### TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The French Arte Channel (43) puts on theme nights on various bizarre topics from time to time. Tonight's theme is Punk Hair and the Gold Helmer, an evening dedicated solely to that stuff on top of our heads we spend so much time and money washing and styling. Starting off, at 10:40, is the camp comedy Hairspray (1988), in English with French subtitles. This nostalgic satire of TV teen dance programs in the early

'60s, directed by John Waters, features Divine, Debby Harry and many other big names. Following, from 00:10 to 2 will be five short films on various aspects of bair: its erotic features, baldness; black hairdos, military haircuts as a symbol of castration, French hairdressers and more. A mist for anyone who spends more than 20 shekels on a haircut.

### FILM

Adina Hoffman

\*\*\*\* PRIVATE PARTS - Based on the autobiography of the rude, crude New York radio personality Howard Stern, Betty Thomas's film is one of the more entertaining bits of celebrity selfapprandizement to surface in a long time.



Gegam Gregorian stars as the prince in the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's concert presentation of Puccini's 'Turandot.'

> Actually, the movie - which stars Stem as himself - works by means of a clever blend of self-love and self-mockery, as it also further develops the tricky trompe-l'oeil technique that he has perfected on his WNBC radio show. To hear Stern tell it, no subject is off limits for on-air discussion. His improvised banter appears to be brutally honest and totally intimate, and his massive public appeal is based on the fact that his honesty knows no bounds. While such total frankness is a fine claim to fame, it is, of course, not true. Stem's straighttalking, wisecracking radio persons is just that - a persona. And if there's one thing that his inspired movie debut makes clear it's that he is, above all, a fantastic actor, a man who has cast himself in the part of soul-bearing vulgarian and thoroughly mastered the role, Featuring a blend of actors and real-life media personalities, as themselves. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles, Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)









## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

- 1 A garden plot the children litter (7)
- 5 Person set against work with model (7) 9 Check heartless rogue
- joining the crowd (7) 10 Distressed by the French charges (7)
- 11 The manufacturer's specification meant dear
- products (5,4) 12 Fellow greeting Latin swell
- 13 Close in the finish-and
- yet never in doubt (5)
  15 Control a good man
  completely put back (9)
- 17 Orders put out for projects
- 19 Blue or quite proper? (5)
  22 Duck like one's water feature (5)

### 25 Getting all straight at the end of the day (7) 26 What a worker might well

23 Introduce new cut (9)

- assume is long-term (7)
- 27 The eccentric seek and find
- so it's told (7)
  28 Making a point if not dim

## DOWN

- 1 Increase of time spent in jail (7)
- 2 Account for getting out of flat (7)
- 3 Trains first mate, note (5)
- 4 The underworld boss railed when expelled by law (9) 5 Church in stone of a rich yellow colour (5)

### 7 The Moslem lady offers fruit (7) 8 Rearrange letters right

6 He'll buy for cash possibly

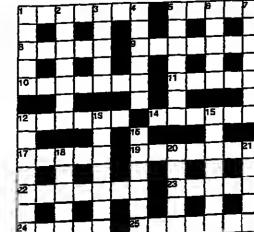
in nicer surroundings (9)

- and left-without sleep
- maybe (7)
  14 Certain policemen fix the standard (9)
  16 Almost imprisoned over
- unpaid debts and double-dealing (9) 17 Operation of small firm backed in newspapers (7) 18 Sickening cob seen to be in
- a bad way (7)
  20 Forbidding one to distort
  the expression (7)
  21 Snarls if crooked agents
- keep the money (7)
  23 Outfit the same? That's
- tough! (5) 24 Cold, thin wash (5)

## SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Heresy, 4 Crecy, 8 Relia, 9 Restful, 10 Sexiani, 11 Undo, 12 How, 14 Idla, 15 Apse, 18 Sop, 21 Odds, 23 Radiant, 25 Malvern, 28 Rouse, 27 Loyal, 28 Errand. DOWN: 1 Harass, 2 Relaxed, 3 Socrates, 4 Cask, 5 Elfin, 6 Yellow, 7 Truth, 13 Wanderer, 16 Scapula, 17 Formal, 18 Pruns, 29 Attend, 22



ACROSS

8 Stem (5) 9 Shows off (7) 11 Portion (5)

17 Confute (5) 19 Fruit plantation (7) 22 Quiet (7)

23 Relieve (5) 24 Depart (5) 25 Mada certain (7) 21 Wood-nymph (5)

1 Skinflint (5) 2 Severe (7) 3 Compare (5) 4 Undergo (6) 5 Walk wearily (7) 6 Wash (5) 7 Occidental (7)

20 Stupid (5)

19:35 Coach

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11:35 Hot Science 12:10 A.J., Time Traveller 13:00 Cartoons (rpt) 15:15 Gogo's Adventures with English

# CHANNEL 1

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6:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic

6:45 Good Morning

15:30 Zappy Wave 15:33 X-Man 15:50 Super Ben 16:00 Heartbreak High 16:45 Super Ben 16:50 Zappy Quiz 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zappy Wave 17:50 Garfield 18:10 Super Ben 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Apropo 19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 News flash 19:31 Cosby 20:00 News 20:40 Maccabiah

highlights 20:50 Weekly Latto draw - live 20:55 Mine Host Meni 22:00 The People's Century – part 3: 1917: Red Flag 23:00 Dream On 23:30 News

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Funniest People 19:26 The Price is Right 7:00 Good Evening Yossi Siyas (rpt) 8:00 Dallas (rpt) 1971) - comedy. Two insurance agents, one Sephand, the other Ashkenazi, compete for a wealthy client. With Yehuda Barkan Lives (rpt) 11:15 Zingara (rpt) San Francisco Carasso - contd. 00:20 Midnight Short 13:40 Wings 00:40 Herman's Head

12:00 Barnaby Jones 12:45 The Streets of 14:00 Dallas (rpt) 14:50 Days of Our Lives 15:40 Birth Lake (rpt)

15:35 French programs 18:05 Super Sport Folly 16:30 Doghouse 17:00 Square One TV 17:15 The Album Show 18:10 French programs 19:00 News in French 19:30 News headines 20:30 Encounter 21:10 The Nature of

Things 22:00 News in English 22:30 West Beach 23:15 Drug Wars MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shop 14:30 700 Club 15:00 Gerbert 15:30 Urban Peasant 15:30 Urban Peasant 16:09 Larry King 17:00 Family Challenge 17:45 Bestman's World 18:10 Perfect Strangers 16:35 Saved by the Bell 19:00 Showbiz 19:30 World News 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 Showcase 20:50 The Beast, Part II (1988) — war fitn about Soviets in Alghanistan 23:00 CNN 23:30 The 700 Club 00:00 Quantum

Shopping

17:00 Man and Nature 18:00 Sea of Thoughts 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Video Clips 20:00 News 20:45 Rumpole of the

8:30 Cartoons 9:10 Surprise Garden 9:40 Dennis the Menace 10:20 Treasure Island 11:00 Project Geeker 11:20 Pink Panther Show

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18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines 18:30 Local Broadcast 19:15 The Young and

20:55 Beverly Hills

**MOVIE** CHANNEL (4)

16:00 Power Rangers 16:30 Panel Discussion in Arabic

21:50 Blood Ties: The Life and Work of Sally

22:50 I, Claudius (pt. 13)

with Guy Pines (rpt) 7:30 Love Story with 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our

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the Restless 19:45 Sunset Beach 20:30 The Other Half

11:30 Adam, His Song Continues (1986) – perents whose son was lidwhose son was no-napped and murden fight bureaucracy 13:10 Seeing Stars 14:00 Bons Baisers de Honn Koon de Hong Kong
(French, 1975) – the
comic Charlots group
are sent to Hong Kong
to rescue the kidnapped British queen
15:40 Linda (1993) –
two countes on o two couples go on vacation together. When an attair dev ops, ona wile shoots the other couple. Wit Virginia Madsen 17:00 New in the

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Night (1995) - a woman discovers that she had been abducted by eliens 18:50 The Pill (Hebrew, 1972) – comedy scripted by Nissim Aloni about two pathetic broth With Yossi Banai 20:20 The Mask (1994) (rpt) 22:00 Cybertech PD (1995) – futuristic

Bailey 21:40 Showcase 23:00 Cinema 3

(1993) - a group of terrorists flee to the US with a lethal virus. The Mossad and the FBI must find them. With Stephanie Zimbalist 1:05 Little Odessa (1994) - a Jewish professional assau returns to Brighton Beach on a job. With Tim Roth (100 mins.) E CHILDREN (6)

12:25 Animaniacs

George 19:00 Little Flying Bears 9:00 Today Money Wheel 15:30 CNBC US

People's Century 22:30 23:00 Dream On MI SECOND SHOWING (6)

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Glitter

Katz and Carasso

Animals 18:00 The Site

Geographic Televi 20:00 The Ticket 20:30 VP

6:30 Nine to Five

7:00 Yan Can Cook 7:30 El TV 8:00 The Wonder Years

8:30 Oprah Winfrey 9:30 The X-Files 10:30 Santa Barbara 11:30 The Bold and

12:00 Hindi shows

t3:30 WWF Superstars

the Beautiful

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20:30 VIP
21:00 Dateline
22:00 Major League
Baseball highlights
23:00 The Tonight
Show with Jay Leno
00:00 Late Night with
Conan O'Brien
1:00 Later
1:30 NBC Nightly News prison warden. With Alain Delon (134 mins.) E CHANNEL B STAR PLUS

8:00 Open University 8:00 Floyd on Italy: Umbria (rpt) 8:30 Traveloque (rol) 9:00 World of Wine: Bordeaux (rpt) 9:30 Die Fiedermaus 12:00 Danzante 12:30 Beyond 2000 (rpt) 12:55 Healthy Body (rpt) 13:30 Future Quest: To Boldly Go..., (rpt) 14:00 Nature on Track:

14:30 Doogle Howsel 15:00 The Wonder Toad in a Hota (rpt) 14:30 Beyond 2000 15:20 Understanding 15:30 Yan Can Cook 16:00 Hindi programs 18:30 Star News 19:00 Some Mothers The Universe (rpt) 16:15 Human Nature 17:00 Open University 19:00 Ultrascience: Do 'Ave 'Em 19:30 Space: Above and Beyond 20:30 The Bold and Sex Appeal - a look al human attraction 19:30 A Healthy Body 20:00 Future Quest: the Beautiful 21:00 Santa Barbara 22:00 Star News 22:30 Baywaich Hi Ho Hi Ho - work in the future 20:30 Nature on Track: Skinned

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6:30 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Bodies in Motion I SUPER CHANNEL 16:30 Extreme Clympics 18:00 Volleyball 19:00 The Survivors 6:00 Travel Xpress 6:30 The Ticket 7:00 VIP 19:30 The Olympic 7:30 NBC Nightly News 8:00 MSNBC News Series - Boxino 20:30 Sports Bloopers 21:00 Boxing 22:00 Soccer 10:00 European 23:00 World of Speed Souzwk Box 23:30 Snooker 11:00 European

**EUROSPORT** 

7:30 Insight 8:30 Moneyline (rpt) 9:30 World Sport

13:45 Q&A (rpt) 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport (rpt) 15:15 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 Asia Today 19:30 Q&A with Riz Khan 20:45 American Edition 21:00 World Business

22:00 Boxing 23:00 Tour de France Today 22-00 Larry King Live 23:00 European News 23:30 Insight 00:00 World Business **ESTAR SPORTS** Today Update 00:30 World Sport

1:00 World View

RADIO

**III VOICE OF MUSIC** 

6:06 Morning Concert

9:05 Mondonville; Schumann; Brahms;

Beethoven; Bruckner 12:00 Light Classica

Salieri; Czerny;
 Respighi
 13:00 Artist of the

Week - Kim Kashkashian (viola)

Shostakovich: Bach

14:06 Folk music -

Recording Studio – Yocheved Schwartz

Chambonnieres:

Shaked 18:00 New CDs -

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(harpsichord), Dieupart

Flamenco

D'Angelbert 16:00 My Concert, with Prof. Gershon

15:00 From the

1:00 Boule 1:30 Trickshot

6:30 Cricket: Asia Cup 15:30 Badminton 19:30 Soccer 21:30 Soccer: Thai Cup Final 23:30 Cricket: Asia Cup

TIME

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13:00 Speedworld

15:00 Tour de France

19:30 Raily: FIA World Championship

20:00 Truck Recing 21:00 Power Lifting: Women's Championship

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**BBC WORLD** 

News on the hour 7:30 Window on Europe 8:00 Newsdesk 9:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 10:30 Window on Europe (rpt) 11:30 Top Gear (rpt) 12:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 13:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 14:00 Newsdesk 15:30 Window on

Europe (rpl) 16:15 World Business Heport 16:30 Asia-Pacific 17:30 Holiday (rot) 18:30 Hard Talk with

Tim Sebastian

19:30 Airport (rpt) 20:00 The World Today 21:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 22:30 BBC Reports

23:30 Building Sights 00:00 Newsdesk 1:00 Asia Today III CNN INTERNATIONAL News throughout the day 6:30 Pinnacle Report

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(2) Works by Jean Langlais: Solemn Mass; Te Deum for

organ solo 22:00 A Mu

## MOVIES

Squawk Box 17:00 Dream

Air 7, 9:30 - Hercules (English dialogue) 7:15, 9:30 - Private Paris 7, 9:30 - High School High 11 a.m., 1, 4:45 - Alaska 11 a.m., 1:15, 4:45 - Hercules (Fishrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5 - Return of the Jedi 11 a.m., - 101 Delmations 11 a.m., 5 - That Dern Cat 11 a.m., 1, 5 RAV-OR 1-3 = 824653 Romy and Michele 7, 9:30 - Hercules (English dialogue) 7:15, 9:30 - Hercules (English dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5 - That Dern Cat 11 a.m., 1, 4:45 - Private Parts 9:15 - Jungle 2 Jungle 11 a.m., 4:45, 7 ARAD STAR =9850804 Liar 11:30 a.m., 5, G.G. Gil. Jenseiem Mail (Maine) = 6789448
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Bavis and Butt-head 11:30 a.m.

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- The English Patient 9:15 - Private Parts
9:45 - Hercules (English disloque) 7:30 
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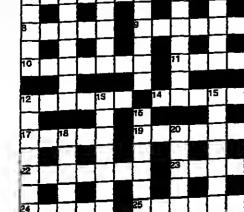
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By LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesierday rejected the initiative hy National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon to change the direct elections law so that a majority of 61 MKs would be sufficient to oust the premier without baving to dissolve the Knesset and hold new elections.

Under the law, a no-confidence motion needs 61 MKs to pass, but requires new general elections; while 80 MKs are needed to remove the prime minister without dissolving the Knesset.

A bill by MKs Dalia Itzik (Labor) and Anat Maor (Meretz), which would allow the premier to be toppled by a 61 MK majority without dissolving the Knesset, is to he raised for preliminary reading in the plenum tomorrow.

However, if it does not appear to have a majority, the two will probably not raise it. Bills which fail to pass preliminary reading cannot be brought up again

Stamp out bad driving

Jerusalem Post Staff

The fast of the 17th of Tamuz,

a day-long fast marking the

beginning of the three-week peri-

drink and drive.

Most Meretz and Shas MKs have said they will oppose it.

National Religious Party leader Zevulun Hammer said he is against the proposed law, as are most of his party. Several Lahor MKs, including Haim Ramon and Haggai Merom, also said they would not support such a change.

"I greatly value Sharon," said Netanyahu at a meeting of the Likud yesterday. "I also know that his efforts were made, for sure, with a positive intention.

According to an official briefing. Sharon told the Likud MKs that the question "is not whether or not to join political opponents, but whether or not the electoral system is a good one."

He said the current system is not good and should be "improved," because it reduces the power of the Knesset and increases the influence of small parties. Sharon said he did not intend burting

Three-new postage stamps intended to discourage reckless driving have been issued by the

Postal Authority's Philatelic Services. The colorful NIS 1.10 stamps, designed by 26-year-old Bezalel graduate Guy Harlap, urge drivers to keep in their lane, keep their distance and not

Fast of Tamuz starts the three weeks

The fast began at daybreak (3:57

During these three weeks,

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are not beld, some observant peo-

ple do not listen to music, and

Ashkenazim traditionally do not

shave or cut their hair. Sephardim

stop shaving and bave no haircuts

for another six months. Their bill failed the prime minister. "The last thing I want is a different government," said Sharon, "but there must be a broad consensus on diplomatic issues."

He denied he bad met with Labor MK Shimon Peres to call for a national unity government and said he knows this is not realistic."

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said changing the direct elections law now would not stand up to a test in the High Court. Indeed, Attorney-General yesterday Rubinstein Elyakim announced his official legal opinion that a majority of 80 MKs would be required

to approve Sharon's initiative. MK Ze'ev Begin said be bad told Labor wbip Ra'anan Cohen that "you can't change the rules of the game in the middle," and that any changes made should be in effect only from the next Knesset

Likud wbip Meir Sheetrit said the coalition should not use the opposition's initiative to get at the government. "If there's anything to change, we'll do it ourselves," he said.

Science Minister Michael Eitan (Likud) also rejected the initiative to change the direct elections law in the current Knesset, which he said lacks the moral right to make such a change.

"It would be a victory for negative wheeling dealing and those pursuing personal interests," Eitan said.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid also said he opposes making the proposed change to the direct elections law. "We are not the party most interested

in having Sharon in the kitchen cabinet and that is what the changes are aimed at," said Sarid. "We have no interest in increasing the blackmail power of the extreme right wing."

Michal Yudelman adds:

Sharon held a series of intensive meetngs in the Knesset with Likud "rebel" MKs and Labor MKs to lobby for his proposal. Labor whip Cohen told him he favors the change, but could not promise the hill would pass tomorrow if it it comes to a vote.

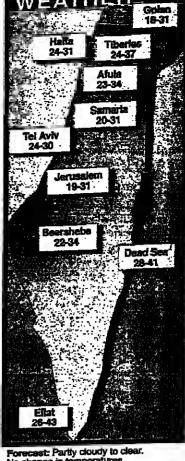
Former Likud minister Moshe Arens is forming an association for canceling the direct election law, consisting of former prime ministers Shimon Peres and itzhak Sbamir, and former justice ministers Haim Zadok and Moshe Nissim.

Meanwhile, Labor's Knesset faction discussed the proposal of party leader Ehud Barak to change the law so that a majority of 65 MKs could remove the prime minister without dispersing the Knesset

We need to hring about a situation in which the government will not be threatened with toppling every Monday and

Thursday," Barak said. Peres, who always objected to the direct election law, said he never felt in two terms as prime minister, before the law passed, any lack of authority.

"Sometimes a prime minister needs more brains, but that's not a matter you can put in the constitution," he said.



AROUND THE WORLD



## Winning cards

The winning cards in yesterday's first Chance draw were the nine of spades, 10 of hearts, king of diamonds, and jack of clubs. The results of the second draw were the queen of spades, seven of hearts, king of diamonds and king of clubs.

## Basic Law: Social Rights bill defeated

By LIAT COLLINS

Following a parliamentary maneuver initiated by United Torah Judaism, the proposed Basic Law: Social Rights failed preliminary reading in the Knesset yesterday by 50 to 59 votes. The vote med into a no-confidence motion two weeks ago as a delaying tactic because the coalition was not sure it had the necessary majority to block it. It was submitted by Histadrut head and Labor MK Amir Peretz, along with a similar bill by Anat Maor (Meretz).

National Religious Party MKs, who earlier yesterday said they

would not take part in the no-confidence motions, turned out for the vote as part of the fight by the religious parties against all Basic Laws.

The bills would have anchored in

law the right to organize and strike in the workplace, as well as ensure the provision of basic services such as health, education and welfare. The religious parties have automatically opposed Basic Laws, no matter what they pertain to, since the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation paved the way for the sale of pork.

The coalition was not sure until the last moment yesterday that it would be able to muster enough votes to defeat the bill after the opposition broke its agreement on pairing off absent MKs and recalled Eitan Cabel (Labor) from army reserve duty. Since it was still not known how the NRP would vote, both Science Minister Micbael Eitan and Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom had to draw out their speeches until it became clear that the coalition had a majority, In his answer to the motion,

Sbalom argued against raising the hill in this Knesset after the previous Labor government had "made sure it was put in the freezer. If you thought the bill was such a good idea why didn't you pass it. in the last government?" he asked -

## Hanegbi defends old moonlighting job tice," Hanegbi said. "It was a norm. Hanegbi said several MKs had established associations to promote Nothing was hidden or secret. Even

By LIAT COLLINS

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud) yesterday defended having earned money as the director of a non-profit association fighting road accidents, Derech Tzlaha, while simultaneously promoting road-safety legislation he had drawn up with then Labor MK Jewisb Agency head Avraham Burg.

Hanegbi was responding to a report in Ha'aretz, which questioned his having earned money from a group promoting the legislanon he himself had drawn up. He apparently also was given use of a car by the association. At the time, Hanegbi also chaired the Knesset Economics Committee, which was discussing the legislation.

At a Knesset press conference yesterday, Hanegbi said the House rules at the time had not prevented an MK from earning money from outside sources. He said the amount was reported and published as required by law in the report on MKs income published in May. There it was listed as NIS 61,947, which was within the accepted limits for income for parliamentarians until a new ban on moonlighting came into effect.

Hanegbi said he would be happy to answer questions by the Ethics Committee. "It was accepted prac-



Tzahi Hanegbi defends job (Brian Hendler)

Ha'aretz published announcements lobbying for the hill with my name on them

"I think it is preferable to earn income from a matter which is entirely public related rather than work as a lawyer or accountant, for example," he said.

The Road Safety Law, which among other things would establish a national umbrella association to deal with all aspects of combating traffic accidents, is expected to come up for its final readings in the

also directed an organization on road safety, and Rafi Elul (Labor), who headed an association dealing with housing and poverty while working on legislation in this field. Hanegbi said the law on immuni-

ty prevents him from revealing who the donors to his organization were. He said he had submitted a bill which would require this type of organization to reveal its donors, but the previous Knesset did not promote the legislation. Knesset State Control Committee

laws they had drawn up; including Labor Whip Ra'anan Cohen, who

worked on legislation for demobi-

lized soldiers, Avraham Burg, who

chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz) said work on the road safety law should have been part of Hanegbi's regular parliamentary work and he should not have earned money for it. He wrote to State Comptroller

Miriam Ben-Porat to see if it is possible to reveal the identities of the donors and what their interests might have been, and asking her to examine whether Hanegbi could be considered guilty of accepting a

Both Cohen and Burg denied knowing of the existence of the organization Haneghi established.

## IN CONTEXT / HERB KEINON

## Barak takes the 'Bibi bypass route'

In the six weeks since his election as Labor Party chairman, Ehud Barak has been to London and Washington, to Cairo and Amman. His trips to Europe and the US earned criticism from Labor activists, who said that rather than playing statesman, he should concentrate on putting his

party back together.
On the other hand, his trips to the Arab world – including last week's visit to Hosni Mubarak and yesterday's meeting in Amman with King Hussein - drew fire from the right, with charges that he is undermining Israel's bargaining position, and giving the Arabs a "Bibi bypass route."

More of the same criticism will

inevitably follow his scheduled meeting later this week with Yasser Arafat.

The criticism from the right, however, has a somewhat hollow ring, considering that Netanyahu - during his stint as opposition leader was a frequent visitor to Washington, speaking out against Labor policy. Moreover, he was also invited to see King Hussein, and – just two months before the election - was flown to Aqaba for a meeting with Crown Prince Hassan.

Moshe Arens, a former ambas-

sador to the US, said that even

Ehod Barak on the fly (Israel Sun)

cratic world, this type of practice is not acceptable," Arens said. "Just imagine if, during the Cold War era, when negotiations were being con-ducted under President Reagan, the leader of the Democratic party had gone to Moscow."

"negotiators in the Arab world will think there are other options, and that they don't have to come to terms with the present government. It is not in the best interest of

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though "everybody does it," visits by opposition politicians to the world's leaders are wrong.



"Based on the norms in the demo-

The problem, Arens said, is that

## Israel's bargaining position." But David Kimche, who served as director general of the Foreign Ministry from 1980 to 1987, sees things differently. "I don't think this undermines the bargaining position," he said. "The government has an embassy there" able to ment has an embassy there" able to get its message across very well. Kimche said the reason for Hussein's invitation to Barak was clear: "Hussem is showing his dis-

the king invited Netanyahu to Jordan, he was signaling his favor. Shimon Sbamir, who served as Israel's ambassador to Egypt from

seen by the Jordanians and Egyptians as a way to better under-stand Israeli positions, and an opportunity to discuss different views. Both Hussein and Mubarak, Shamir said, realize that they cannot "bring Labor back to power."

## MK Pines: What does PM have against Israeli girls?

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

1988 to 1990, and to Jordan from

1994 to 1996, said it has long been

the Jordanian government's policy to "maintain a dialogue with a

wide range of personalities on the Israeli political scene." It is no

longer an issue, be said, because

so many people do it. Invitations

to opposition leaders are "normal

Shamir said that the meetings are

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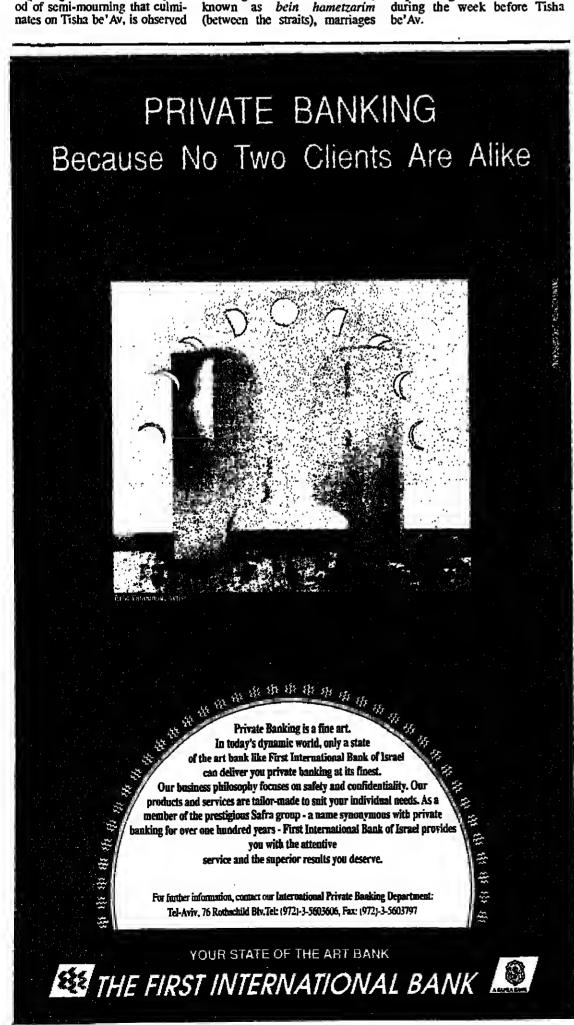
Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has obtained permission from the Employment Service to hire a foreign helper. although such permits are usually restricted to invalida requiring physical assistance 24 hours a day, -Employment Service spokesman Avner Micbaeli confirmed yester-

Michaeli could not say why the request was found justified. MK Ofir Pines, who raised the issue at the no-confidence motion

yesterday, said that in view of rising unemployment there is no justification for hiring aliens, with or without legal work per-

"What does the prime minister have against Israeli girls? There are many thousands of unemployed young women who would be happy to look after his chil-dren," Pines said.

Pines added that terminally ill patients often die before getting a permit for a foreign 24-hour helper, due to the bureaucracy



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